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Sadat expects talks to resume soon

ASWAN, Egypt, Jan. 5 (Agencies)—President Anwar Sadat said Friday there were no remaining problems obstructing the resumption of peace talks with Israel and he hoped a date would be fixed next week.

Speaking to reporters in this southern resort city Sadat said: "Egypt, Israel and the U.S. want to resume the negotiations."

Asked if there were any obstacles hindering an agreement on resuming the negotiations, Sadat said: "not at all."

He said Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil would be sending U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance a letter within one or two days setting out Egypt's points of view on the resumption of the talks.

"After Dr. Khalil's letter to Vance we hope to reach an agreement within next week on resuming negotiations," Sadat said.

After a cabinet meeting on Tuesday Khalil announced that Egypt was ready to resume attempts at signing a peace treaty with Israel but reiterated that the treaty must be on the basis of a comprehensive Middle East peace and not a separate agreement.

Khalil stressed that any treaty should be linked to a timetable for Palestinian self-rule. He also said the treaty should not provide for privileges to any side. This was a clear reference to the differences between Egypt and Israel on Article Six of the present draft treaty which sets it above any other treaties Egypt may have signed.

Meanwhile in Washington, an Arab-American leader told "Arab News" Thursday the Carter administration wants the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty signed regardless of whether it will work or not.

Dr. Hisham Sharabi, president of the National Association of Arab Americans, said (Continued on back page)



IN MEDINA: Niger President Seyni Kountche on his arrival in Medina Friday (See story on page two).

Inspects installations

Sultan tours southern region

KHAMIS MISHAIT, Jan. 5 (SPA)—Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan made an extensive tour of military camps and installations in the southern region during the past two days.

During the tour, Prince Sultan met officers and men and inspected troops and projects recently completed or under construction.

On Friday Prince Sultan visited King Faisal's Military City and the projects being undertaken there including sports facilities, water purification and drainage treatment plants, mosques, artillery and infantry schools, power houses and the automatic telephone exchange.

Addressing troops of the Tenth Brigade, Prince Sultan said the country is proud of its armed forces. "We are all proud of your religious spirit, your Islamic morality and military discipline," he said. "We hope you will be the vanguard of those who will regain holy Jerusalem and the occupied Arab land," he added.

Prince Sultan was accompanied on his tour by Prince Faisal ibn Bandar, deputy governor of Asir, and Air Marshal Asaad Zuhair, commander of the air force and Brigadier General Muhammad

At-Hamad, commander of the Khamis Mishait air base and other senior officers.

During his tour Prince Sultan laid the foundation stone for the second hospital in Khamis Mishait and inspected the housing estate which cost about SR 500 million and includes 336 villas. He later laid the foundation stone for a new housing project which is estimated to cost SR 1,124 million and includes 132 buildings in addition to other sports and recreation facilities, officers villas, library, power house extension and mosque and roads.

Prince Sultan then spent several hours touring the air base including maintenance and supply sections.

Commenting on the Prince's visit, Gen. Hamad said he and other officers and men of the southern region "are extremely proud of the occasion and the Prince's directions to them which gave them the opportunity to acquire considerable knowledge on matters of importance."

Lebanese regulars to join U.N. in South

BEIRUT, Jan. 5 (Agencies)—The Lebanese government has decided to send army troops to the troubled south to join U.N. forces in carrying out their peace-keeping mission, informed sources said here Friday.

The sources said the decision provides for stationing a Lebanese army unit alongside each of the eight U.N. contingents.

The unit will travel down the coastal road through Damour, Sidon and Tyre, to take up their positions.

Necessary contacts have been made with the parties concerned to ensure the operation will take place smoothly, the sources added.

A 700-man army contingent, which followed an inland route in heading south last year, had to halt its advance at Kawtaba in July after meeting artillery fire from right-wing militias deployed close to the Israeli border.

The contingent is still stranded at its temporary position, some 40 kilometers short of its destination. The U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (Unifil) is made up of around 6,000 men from France, Ireland, Norway, Fiji, Senegal, Iran, Nigeria and Nepal.

However, it was announced Friday that Iran had decided to withdraw its contingent.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Bkurot told reporters the Iranian government had notified the U.N. Secretariat in New York it would be withdrawing its troops from Lebanon.

"We have been expecting this withdrawal for several reasons," he said.

He was presumably referring, among other reasons, to Iran's internal strife.

In addition, France is currently engaged in reducing its contingent estimated at around 1,000 troops and the biggest in the U.N. force.

Bkurot said the French would be retaining a logistics unit, but he did not say how big it would be.

"Naturally, others will have to fill the gap and the U.N. Secretary-General (Kurt Waldheim) is working towards this end," he added.

Unifil's present mandate ends on Jan. 19, but Bkurot said the Security Council would pass an extension.

Meanwhile government concern over increased tension in South Lebanon mounted Friday following renewed shelling in the border region.

The Palestine News Agency, Wafa, said Israeli forces and (Continued on back page)

Oil workers ending strike following Khomeini appeal

TEHRAN, Jan. 5 (Agencies)—Iran's striking oil workers began returning to their jobs Friday in a move likely to boost the fortunes of Prime Minister Shapour Bakhtiar and his new civilian government.

Petroleum industry sources said kerosene and heating oil would begin reaching fuel-starved Tehran by Saturday morning through a pipeline reopened Friday from the western oil refining center of Abadan.

Some oil workers, however, were still deciding whether to join the return to work, and industry sources said it will be at least a week until normal fuel distribution in the capital is restored.

The oil workers were returning to their jobs in response to an appeal by the Paris-based Ayatollah Khomeini, the Shah's chief religious opponent. Their return wasn't directly designed to aid Bakhtiar, whom some anti-Shah activists accuse of having sold out to the monarchy by accepting a royal assignment to form his government.

But there was little doubt that an improvement in the country's desperate transport and heating situation will make Bakhtiar's job easier.

The oil workers have been on strike since Oct. 18, with a break of five days in early December. Daily output has tumbled from 6 million barrels to as low as 150,000 barrels per day. Gasoline and kerosene for heating and cooking are being rationed throughout the country and few cars are able to stay on the road.

Industry sources said refineries in Abadan increased their production Thursday night and Friday and that limited refining resumed in the northeastern city of Tabriz. An eight-member strike committee was to decide Saturday whether to reopen refineries in Shiraz and Tehran.

If the committee decides to observe the back-to-work appeal, the refinery in Tehran can reach full domestic production levels in four days and the Shiraz refinery in 10, industry sources said.

Shah Returns

The Shah and Empress Farah Friday night returned from a 24-hour visit to their hunting lodge at nearby Jajroud, a royal palace spokesman said.

The monarch made his trip to and from Jajroud, only a few miles east of the capital, by helicopter.

The Shah is scheduled to receive Bakhtiar and his cabinet Saturday morning.

But there was continued speculation Friday that the Shah would soon leave the country for an extended winter holiday to allow Bakhtiar time to appease the anti-monarchy demonstrators who have brought Iran to the brink of ruin.

There was guarded optimism in diplomatic and political circles that the Shah's appointment of Bakhtiar would succeed. The general atmosphere in the capital was at its most relaxed in several days.

Western diplomats said Bakhtiar had a chance of calming political tempers and winning time to tackle Iran's enormous political and economic problems — provided that the Shah left the country temporarily.

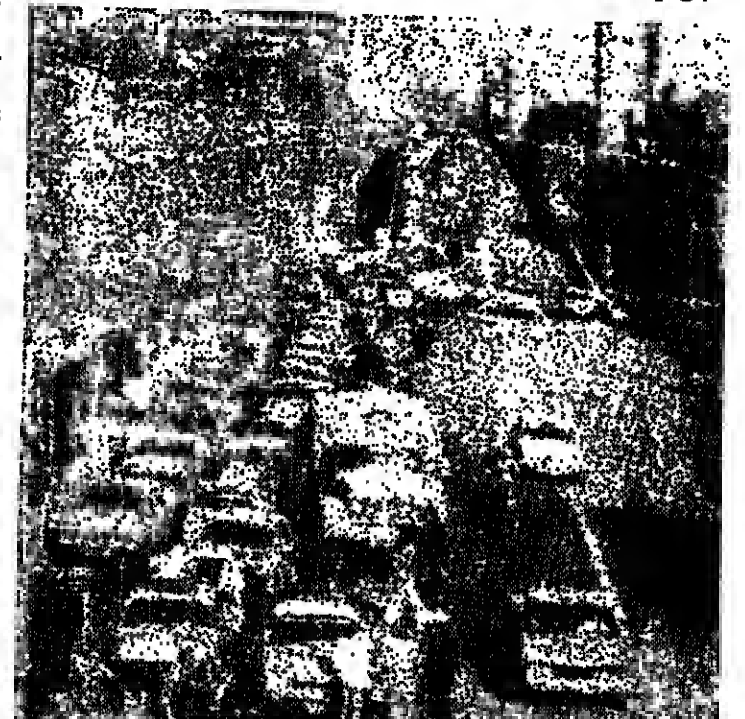
Though palace officials continued to deny that any imminent departure was planned, Bakhtiar strongly reaffirmed on Wednesday that the monarchy intended to leave Iran for a winter holiday.

It appeared likely that he would depart, possibly for Europe, in the next few days, diplomats said.

Following a pledge by Bakhtiar that there would be no press censorship, Iran's big daily newspapers were expected to appear Saturday afternoon for the first time in two months, press sources said.

A spokesman for the strike-hit national airline, Iranair, said staff had started returning to work and both domestic and international flights were expected to resume Sunday.

These indications of a return to work by strikers appeared to boost confidence in Bakhtiar's ability to succeed in his mission. (Continued on back page)



IN THE OIL LINE: Hundreds of motorcycles lined up in a queue in front of one of the few open gasoline stations in Tehran Friday. (Wirephoto)

Britain pressing for Harrier deal with China at Guadeloupe

SAINT FRANCOIS, Guadeloupe Jan. 5 (Agencies)—Leaders of Britain, France, the United States and West Germany Friday discussed possible British sales of jet fighters and up to two billion dollars in non-military trade with mainland China.

British Prime Minister James Callaghan told his summit partners that there were "good prospects" for up to two billion dollars in British sales of power generating plants, computers, steel mills, and transportation equipment, according to conference sources who asked not to be named.

They said Callaghan also reported that he seeks a "balanced trade relationship" with China, a strong indication that Britain will approve sale of 30 Harrier jump-jets to China despite stern warnings from the Soviet Union that such a sale would endanger relations with the West.

Callaghan favors selling the jets, and believes that any negative Soviet reaction to an arms deal with China would be short-lived, the sources said. But the reaction of the German and French leaders, who are

more directly threatened by the Soviets, was uncertain.

An American official told reporters earlier this week that the Carter administration is "absolutely neutral" on the proposed Harrier deal, although President Carter has ruled out any sale of U.S. military equipment to China.

The same official, asking not to be named, said Friday that the Carter administration would "have to consider" any Chinese request for most-favored-nation trading status, however.

The four leaders opened their two-day meeting Friday morning in an open-sided, thatched-roof beach cabana.

Carter, Callaghan, French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt were slated to discuss China trade, Soviet relations and the U.S. Strategic Arms Limitation Talks during the morning session, moving on after lunch in a nearby villa to discussions of world "flash points" including Iran.

Britain is under some pressure to nail down as much trade with China as it can before U.S. companies rush in to give added competition, now that the door has been opened for them by Carter's dramatic move to establish full diplomatic relations with the Peking government.

Syrian defense chief holds Moscow talks

MOSCOW, Jan. 5 (R)—Syrian Defense Minister Mustapha Tlas had talks with Soviet Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov Thursday, Tass news agency reported.

Maj.-Gen. Tlas, who arrived in Moscow earlier Thursday, is the first high-ranking Syrian official to come to Moscow since chief-of-staff Hikmat Shihabi cut short a visit last November.

Tass said Thursday's meeting, described as friendly, touched on questions of mutual interest. It was thought likely the two leaders would discuss Soviet arms supplies to Damascus, which the Kremlin has been reassessing since Syria agreed with Iraq to work toward a military alliance.

Arab diplomatic sources reported last month that Syrian President Hafez Assad had canceled a trip to Moscow because of Soviet plans to review its arms supplies to his country.

Tass said the chairman of the state committee for foreign economic relations Semyon Skochkov also attend Thursday's talks.

A banquet was later given for Gen. Tlas, Tass added.

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Tapline reactivated

BEIRUT, Jan. 5 (AP)—A U.S. owned pipeline has been reactivated to transport crude oil from Saudi Arabian oil fields on the Gulf to a Mediterranean terminal in south Lebanon, reliable sources reported Friday.

They linked the move with the Saudi increase in production to make up partly for the West's 5.5 million barrel a day loss because of Iran's export halt.

The sources said the 1,260-kilometer pipeline has been carrying an average of 290,000 barrels a day from Saudi Arabia to the Mediterranean Lebanese terminal of Zahran since one week.

The line, which belongs to the Trans-Arabian Pipeline (Tapline) Company, has been virtually closed since the 1975 outbreak of Lebanon's 19-month civil war.

Tapline is owned by the parent companies of the Arabian-American Oil Company (Aramco).

Tapline spokesman declined to give an official statement. The sources said the oil was being stored in a tank farm at Zahran, 30 miles south of Beirut. The farm has a capacity of four million barrels.

The terminal was once an oil-shipping harbor to Europe. But it stopped functioning under competition pressure from supertankers lifting from Gulf terminals at cheaper costs.

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Saudi beheaded for rape of seven Riyadh women

RIYADH, Jan. 5 (SPA) — A Saudi man was beheaded here Friday for raping seven foreign and local women in Riyadh, including a ten-year-old American girl.

The sentence was carried out in Justice Square immediately after the Friday noon prayers. A statement of Riyadh Governorate said Khaled Abdul-lah Al-Suwaih was found guilty on seven separate charges of rape and burglary in a three-year period since 1975.

Excavator strikes it rich for Jeddah businessman

JEDDAH, Jan. 5 — The driver of a power excavator this week unearthed a 25-year-old letter containing a promissory note for SR200,000. "Okaz" newspaper reported Thursday.

The letter, with a 1954 postmark, was unearthed on a construction site opposite the municipality in downtown Jeddah, the paper said. It was addressed to a Jeddah food importer now dead.

The driver delivered it to his heirs, who are carrying on the business.

It was written by a Sudanese merchant who had dealings with the Jeddah businessman in cattle. It revealed a transaction which the heirs had no knowledge of. In it, the Sudanese merchant recognized that he was holding SR200,000.

Book fair opens today in Riyadh

RIYADH, Jan. 5 (SPA) — Prince Khaled bin Fahd bin Khaled, deputy education minister for educational and administrative affairs, is to open a book fair here Saturday.

The week-long exhibition, at the National Books House, will cover Islamic and Arab culture, literature, medicine, sciences, engineering, botany, zoology and architecture. Children's books, reference works and textbooks will be on show.

Over 125 local and foreign publishers will take part.

at the disposal of the business man and asked where he should deposit it.

The elder son of the merchant checked his books and found that the amount was registered as a bad debt against the Sudanese businessman, but there was no address. So he has rewarded the driver and will fly to Sudan within the next few days to chase up the debt.

The statement said the rape victims were a ten-year-old American girl and an American woman, two English women, one Saudi, one Lebanese and one Jordanian.

Suwaih was arrested after a Kingdom-wide manhunt after his latest attack against a Belgian woman in Malaz district of Riyadh.

The woman started screaming alerting a neighbor who noted Suwaih's car registration number as he escaped.

The attack on the American girl occurred in September 1978, when Suwaih broke into the house, tied up her 15-year-old brother and raped the girl. The attack on the Belgian woman occurred in November of the same year, the statement said.

The statement further said that Suwaih confessed not only to rape but also to stealing everything he could lay his hands on.

The case was submitted to the King who Tuesday, ordered the immediate execution of Suwaih.

Local briefs

●JEDDAH, (SPA)—Somali Post, Telegraph and Telephone Minister Dr. Abdullah Ziad left for home Friday after talks with Saudi PIT officials on cooperation. He was seen off at the airport by a representative from the ministry and Somali Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Sheikh Abdullah Mahmoud.

●JEDDAH, (SPA)—A health institute and a public hospital will soon be opened to provide intensive health care in Taif, Deputy Health Minister Dr. Hamad Al-Suqair said Friday. He also revealed that his ministry was studying on the possibility of allowing Saudi doctors working under contract to the ministry to conduct private practice. This would help public-sector doctors gain valuable experience.

he said. Suqair said that a seminar will be held, from March 18 to 20, at Riyadh University's pharmaceutical college to discuss regulation of drug distribution in Saudi Arabia.

●DAMMAM, (SPA)—The Conference on Biology to be held at Ahsa, Jan. 24-26, was discuss research papers on agriculture, marine biology and pollution in the Eastern Province and the Gulf. The annual conference is this year being staged by King Faisal University's college of Agriculture and Nutrition and the Saudi Arabian Biological Society.



TAIWANESE: Chinese construction worker at Saudi construction site. Exports of goods and services here helped last year to cover over half of Taiwan's Saudi oil bill.

Riyadh to host meeting of Gulf trade ministers

RIYADH, Jan. 5 (SPA) — The second Gulf Commerce Ministers Conference will open here Monday, to discuss trade cooperation between Gulf states, and coordination of trade regulations and specification.

The ministers will review supply policies and the possibility of establishing a joint company for purchase and distribution of foodstuffs.

The agenda also covers working out a common policy in international economic organizations.

The conference will be attended by Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and Oman.

The first Conference was held in Baghdad in October 1977.

Meanwhile, two Saudi royal Niger president prays in Medina

JEDDAH, Jan. 5 (SPA) — Niger President Lt. Col. Seyye Kountche, returned here Friday from a visit to the Holy Prophet Mosque for the Friday prayer.

Taiwan minister says

Fertilizer plant to cost \$300m

By Farouk Lugman
JEDDAH, Jan. 5 — Total investment of about \$300 million is planned in the fertilizers plant to be set up at Jubail by the Saudi Basic Industries Corp. and the Republic of China, Taiwan Minister of Economic Affairs Chang Kwang-Shih said Friday.

The plant will be a 50-50 joint venture between SABIC and the Taiwan Fertilizer Company, said Kwang, who arrived here Thursday night to sign the agreement for the plant with Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Al-Ghamdi, who is chairman of SABIC.

Preliminary engineering work for the 500,000-ton a year urea plant will begin after the signing ceremony.

The plant is intended to be export-oriented but Taiwan hopes to take a large measure of its production for its own use, Kwang said. Machinery and plant will be imported from Taiwan and the United States and the Taiwan company will initially operate the project after its completion in three years, Kwang said.

Natural gas in the Eastern Province, much of which is burned off now, will provide both energy and feedstock for the plant, Kwang said.



Chang Kwang-Shih

Other major projects being executed by the Republic of China here include the SR 500 million Asir power system in Abha, which will generate 60,000 kilowatts of electricity. It should be ready in May this year, the Chinese minister said.

Teams from Taiwan are also helping Saudi farmers increase rice production in Hofuf through the introduction of scientific methods of cultivation. Other Chinese farmers are helping in the cultivation of vegetables, fruits and other crops.

A private Chinese company will be coming here to develop large-scale farming in a joint venture with a Saudi firm, the minister said.

In addition to extensive road construction, the Chinese companies are also building the headquarters of the Ministry of Industry and Electricity in Riyadh. SES of Taiwan is constructing the industrial estate of Riyadh. They are also designing new industrial estates in Jeddah and Dammam.

There are nearly 10,000 Chinese in Saudi Arabia at present, including 3,500 permanent residents of Chinese origin living mostly in and around Taif.

Last year Taiwan exported \$370 million worth of goods and services to Saudi Arabia against a Saudi oil bill of \$600 million.

The two countries have established a Joint Commission for Economic and Technical Cooperation which meets alternately in Riyadh and Taipei. The fourth meeting of the commission will be held in March.

Gulf Air starts Jeddah flights

JEDDAH, Jan. 5 (SPA) — Gulf Air Thursday launches a new twice-weekly flight between Jeddah and Manama. The flights will be Thursday and Sunday.

Government to celebrate Year of Child

Social Affairs is planning seminars to discuss Islam's attitude to children, their rights and needs, especially in Saudi Arabia.

The ministry also plans to offer, together with the ministry of Education, prizes for children's books and to prepare a historical survey of famous Arab children.

Children's art competitions are also planned.

For children's welfare, the government has launched vaccination for children under six years of age against small pox and polio. Classes in kindergartens will be increased from 625 to 650 and 15 new schools for 1,500 children built.

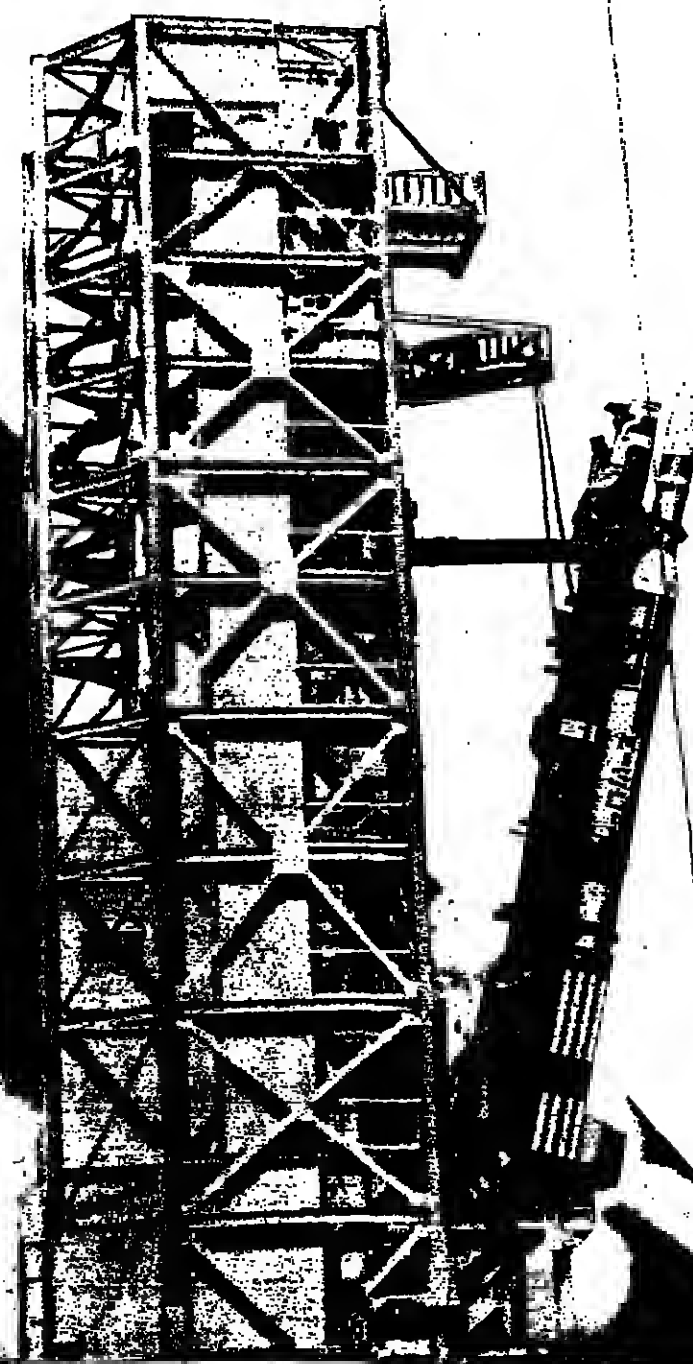


CHILDREN: Little Saudi girls at a kindergarten in Jeddah

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U.S. threatens Iran protestors with deportation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — Attorney General Griffin Bell has threatened to expel Iranian students who stage violent political demonstrations.

"The president is very firm about that," Bell said. "I'm very firm and the secretary of state is very firm."

The attorney-general said his statement Thursday was prompted by the battle earlier this week between police and demonstrators outside a Beverly Hills mansion owned by the sister of the Shah of Iran. The Shah's mother was staying here at the time.

"Yesterday I directed that the Department of Justice undertake an immediate review of our legal options as to such students and the facts as to the status of the students," Bell said.

"The immigration status of such persons will be determined as well as whether breaches or violations of the immigration laws have occurred. All participants in such violence will be deported from this country to the extent that the law per-

mits or requires," he said.

Meanwhile, the mother and sister of the Shah are staying at the tightly guarded desert estate of former U.S. ambassador to Great Britain Walter Annenberg, the ambassador said Thursday.

The queen mother and princess went to the 900-acre estate 19 kilometers southeast of Palm Springs, Wednesday night.

Annenberg, in a statement issued Thursday night to the Palm Springs "Desert Sun" newspaper, said, "My winter residence, Sunnylands, here in Rancho Mirage, California, has facilities that enable me to offer them a temporary haven which they have accepted, and I could have done no less as a responsible citizen."

Annenberg said, "When the government of the United States offers shelter to those seeking protection from radical extremists, the citizens of this country should respond."

The three-lined Annenberg residence, surrounded by a high wall and tamarisk trees, will be



Attorney General Griffin Bell protected by federal, state and local authorities, Annenberg told the newspaper.

In Tehran, 1,000 firemen have gone on an indefinite strike because they do not wish to be associated with Savak, the secret police, a spokesman said Thursday.

The strike, which began Wednesday, is also in solidarity with the anti-Shah movement. The staff are reporting at the fire stations but not working.

The spokesman said, "People burn houses of Savak agents in vengeance. We are then called—sometimes the army forces us to go—to extinguish the blaze but our men come under attack because the people think we are with the Savak. We don't want to have this misunderstanding with the people."

The spokesman said 15 of the brigade's fire engines had been lost in the street demonstrations since anti-Shah violence flared last August.

'Selling arms to Tanzania'

Uganda leader turns on Libya

NAIROBI, Jan. 5 (AP)—Ugandan President Idi Amin is criticized Libya, his long-standing ally, for allegedly selling arms to Tanzania.

He lied on the United States id Great Britain to re-establish diplomatic ties with his government, Radio Uganda reported.

The radio broadcast Thursday quoting an unidentified government spokesman, said the purported Libya-Tanzania connection had been informed by Palestinian sources.

Ugandan exiles and Tanzanian soldiers captured during the recent border war between the two countries.

"There are reports, which have been confirmed, that a Tanzanian government delegation is visiting Tripoli and that Libya has supplied Tanzania with arms," the spokesman, believed to be Amin himself, reportedly said.

"Why Libya is doing this is not so difficult to understand because Libya and Tanzania share a common socialist ideology. Libya is also trying to control Tanzania's economy after failing to do so in Uganda," he said.

Col. Moammar Qaddafi has been a major financial backer of the Amin government, which is steadily sliding towards economic chaos.

Amin reportedly met with Qaddafi late last year in an effort to secure additional financial aid for Uganda in the wake of America's economic boycott of Ugandan coffee, the mainstay of Uganda's foreign exchange earnings.

Death toll could reach 50

Two trains collide in Turkey

ANKARA, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — Two crowded passenger trains collided head-on near Ankara early Friday, killing at least 16 persons and injuring 120. There were some reports that the death toll could climb to 50.

Officials said the State Railways Enterprise expected to open the railroad, Turkey's busiest line between Istanbul and Ankara, to traffic before midnight.

Of the 120 injured, the officials said 18 were reported in critical condition.

Many prominent Turks, including 12 members of parliament and a state theatre group, were traveling on the trains, Turkish press reports said.

Two members of the state theatre group were reported killed.

Rescue efforts were hindered by icy snow at the scene of the crash, Esenkent station 30 miles west of Ankara.

Troops and military helicopters aided the rescue work.

The two trains, the Anatolia Express and the Bosphorus Express, were making the Ankara-Istanbul run in opposite directions. Officials said they collided when the engineer of the Anatolia Express ignored crossing signals and entered the wrong track, ramming into the oncoming train.

He was killed in the crash.

"The accident was the result of extreme carelessness and neglect," the communications minister, Gunes Angui, declared.

Because of bad weather conditions throughout Turkey, which led to cancellation of most plane flights, the trains were unusually full, with 16 cars and 523 passengers on the Anatolia Express and seven cars and 300 passengers on the other one, a communications ministry spokesman said.

Cairo in midst of crackdown on beggars, vendors, smokers

CAIRO, Jan. 5 (AP)—Police have been out in force this week in Cairo, driving beggars and street-corner vendors underground and handing out a slate of tickets for offenses ranging from smoking in theaters to harassing women.

Police said Thursday that 28,580 violators have been nabbed since the crackdown was launched Jan. 1 on the orders of President Sadat.

"Cairo's nine million-odd anarchists are knocking down grudgingly to their first taste of street rule since the law abandoned the city many moons ago," commented the English-language "Egyptian Gazette."

Increased patrols of green-suited police are evident in front of movie theaters, bus stations and sports stadiums. The crackdown has been generally well-received although there has been some coffee-shop speculation if it would fade away as have periodic campaigns in the past.

So far, police statistics show that 945 litterbugs, and 1,335 street vendors have been arrested along with scores of beggars, pickpockets and drug peddlers.

Jaywalkers, reckless drivers and squatters have also been targets of the campaign.

Police are also fighting the cacophony of radios, loudspeakers and honking horns that emerges daily from the over-

flowing city streets and sidewalks.

In the first three days of the crackdown, 2,477 violations were handed out for noise pollution, including 204 fines for firing cap pistols, which are used at weddings and other celebrations.

The crackdown has concentrated in its early stages in Cairo, although governors in all of Egypt's 23 provinces have been empowered by the president to tighten security.

The announcement of the crackdown coincided with a government-mandated price increase of 17 per cent for gasoline and 16 per cent for cigarettes.

Egypt suspends officers after riot investigation

CAIRO, Jan. 5 (R)—Egyptian authorities have suspended four policemen, including a major general, for their roles during a clash between police and a sports stadium crowd in which four people died, the Middle East News Agency (MENA) said.

The official agency said Thursday Interior Minister Nabawi Ismail decided to suspend the men after investigating the incident last Tuesday at Kafr Al-Sheikh City in the Nile Delta, 140 kilometers north of Cairo.

The deaths occurred after tear gas had been used when police tried to clear spectators from the field of a sports stadium.

The crowd apparently rushed for the exits during the fighting. But it was not clear whether the four people who died were trampled in the stampede. Eight people were injured.

Kaddoumi talks with Iraq 'fruitful'

BAGHDAD, Jan. 5 (R) — Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization's political department, left Friday after holding talks with Iraqi leaders, described as very fruitful and successful.

Claim Koreans flew for Egypt

BEIRUT, Jan. 5 (AP) — Egypt's former chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Saadeddin Shazli says North Korean pilots flew combat missions for the Egyptian air force during the 1973 Middle East war with Israel. Shazli is a leading opponent of president Anwar Sadat's peace initiatives.

Ankara censure move defeated

ANKARA, Jan. 5 (R) — The Turkish government has defeated an opposition censure motion in parliament accusing it of negligence in failing to stop riots which cost more than 100 dead. The National Assembly vote Thursday was 226-210 in favour of Social Democratic Premier Bulent Ecevit.

Polisario reports major ambush

ALGIERS, Jan. 5 (R) — Polisario guerrillas fighting for the independence of the Western Sahara claim they killed 35 Moroccan soldiers and wounded 40 three days ago in a new offensive named after the late Algerian President Houari Boumedienne.

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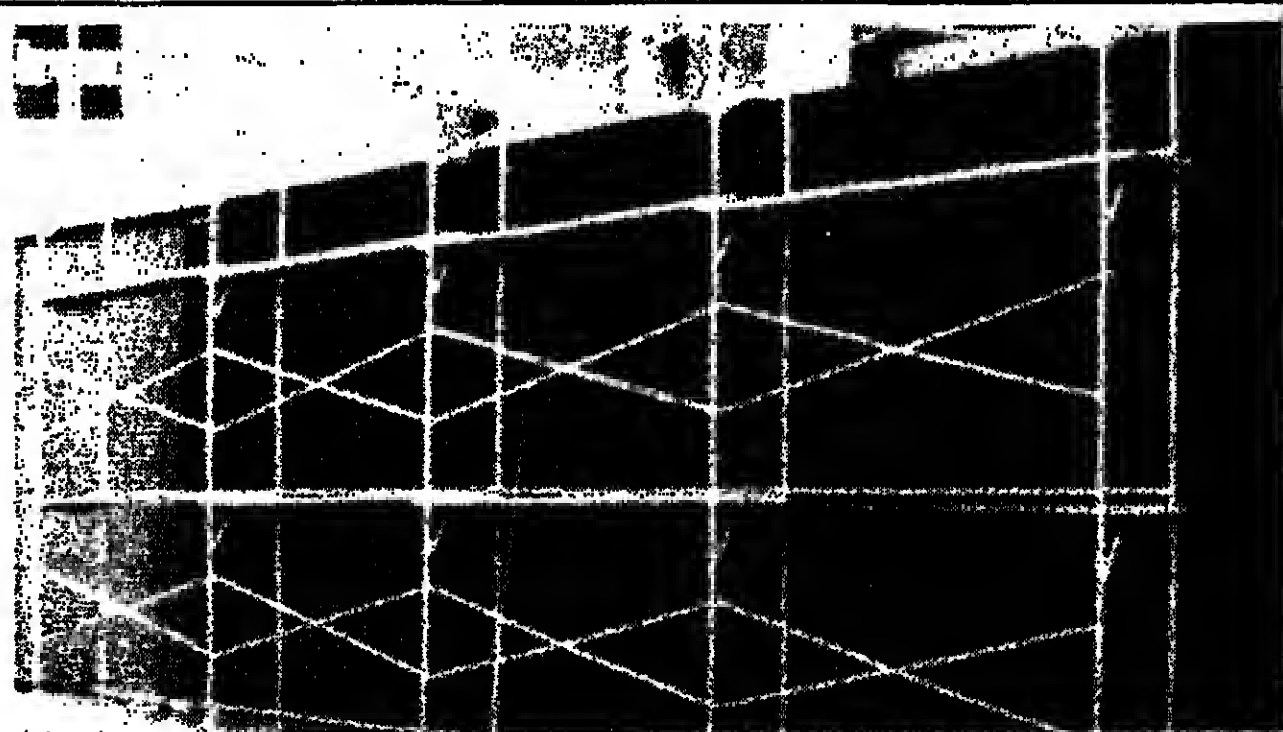
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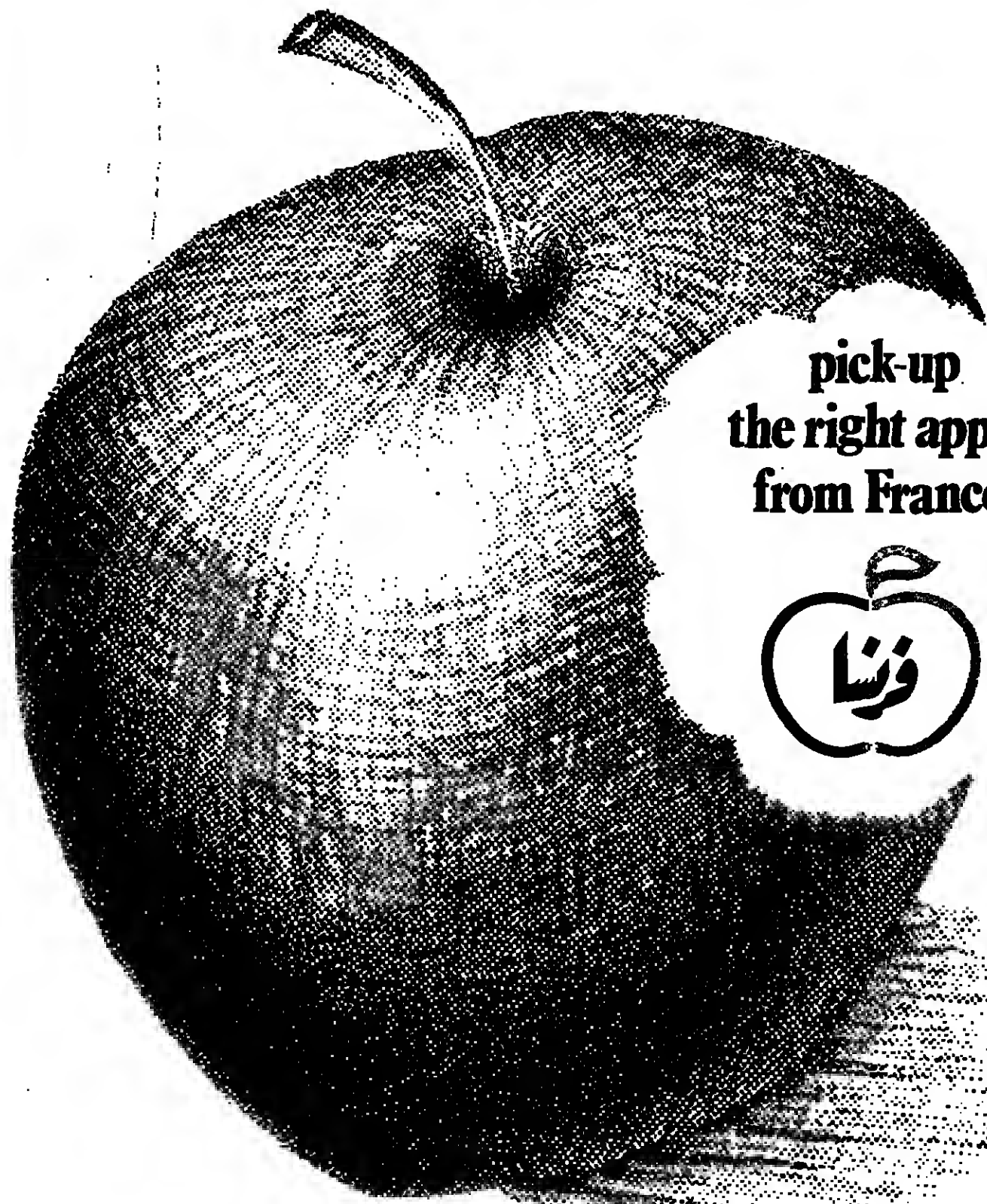


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Quarter of Cambodia gone, analysts say

Vietnamese troops close in on Phnom Penh

BANGKOK, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — Anti-government rebels Friday claimed virtual control over one-third of Cambodia but a defiant Prime Minister Pot said his forces had launched a guerrilla war they would win.

Reliable Western analysts in Bangkok said that the rebels and regular Vietnamese troops had control of probably a quarter of the country.

In Peking, diplomats said Friday that the Cambodian government had advised foreign diplomats to consider leaving the country.

The rebel news agency Sapreama Kampuchea (SPK) said the opposition forces now controlled most of six eastern and northeastern provinces and reported the fall of the provincial capital of Svay Rieng.

Western diplomats in Bangkok said Vietnamese and rebel forces were in control of four provincial capitals in the northeast and only mopping up operations were continuing against government forces east of the Mekong north of Kampong Cham, which lies just 65 kilometers northeast of Phnom Penh.

They said the main fighting had now shifted to Takeo and Kampot provinces south of Phnom Penh.

The provincial capital of Takeo was under serious threat from Vietnamese forces and may have fallen already, they added.

From Takeo the Vietnamese could either strike north for Phnom Penh or continue westwards to Highway Four to cut off the capital from the southwestern port of Kampong Som, the main channel for supplies of military equipment from China, which backs Cambodia.

China has strongly backed Cambodia and Senior Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping Friday accused the Vietnamese of "flagrant aggression."

Asked about Chinese assistance to Cambodia, the vice-

premier said, "We have been giving the Cambodians all kinds of material assistance, but they don't need any advisors from us because they have their own rich revolutionary experience."

But China has to date made no other known moves to step up its aid to the beleaguered Cambodians. Thai intelligence

sources say that Chinese aid to Cambodia, including anti-aircraft weapons, continues through Kompong Som.

Analysts are watching for signs of Vietnamese and rebel troops moving towards Highway Four, which links Phnom Penh to Kompong Som.

Cutting Highway Four would leave Phnom Penh with only an air link to the outside world, an identical situation to

that of April, 1975 when the Communist rulers of Cambodia severed all but Phnom Penh's air links and marched into the capital.

But it was not yet clear how the Vietnamese campaign would develop, the diplomats said.

Pot Pot, in his first public statement since the war broke out in major fighting for the

second time 10 days ago, said this country was under attack on five fronts from the northeast to the south.

But he said his troops were waging a "people's war" — a guerrilla war fought by melting into the countryside and drawing in advancing forces before cutting them up from the flanks.

In the far northeastern Ratanakiri Province, bordering on Vietnam and Laos, the people's war against Vietnamese forces was "exploding," he said.

In the southwest region, which includes Takeo and Kampot, "our heroic people and troops are surrounding their troops and destroying them section by section," he said.

He said Vietnam, aided by the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact, had invaded the country on Dec. 24, but gave no precise locations for the fighting.

The rebel news agency said opposition forces held most of the provinces of Ratanakiri, Mondulkiri, Kratie and Stung Treng in the northeast and most of Kampong Cham and Svay Rieng provinces in the east.

The diplomats say they believe the Vietnamese are doing most of the fighting, with the rebel forces of the Kampuchean National United Front for National Salvation mopping up in the rear.

They said that Vietnamese control of the northeast was virtually assured after decisive battles in the Fish-Hook area of eastern Cambodia over the past 10 days.

The main road from Phnom Penh to the northeast runs through the area, which just into southern Vietnam, and once the government forces there had been heavily defeated there was little likelihood of reinforcement of the northeast, they said.

U.S. to reconsider removal of troops from South Korea

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (R)

— The United States has said it plans to review its decision to withdraw troops from South Korea in light of new intelligence showing substantially more North Korean troops than previously estimated.

State Department spokesman Hoddling Carter said Thursday a gradual increase in the size or structural composition of North Korean forces appeared to have been under way for some time.

The Defense Department said intelligence experts, after a recent analysis, had concluded that they had underestimated North Korean military strength.

The State Department spokesman said it would be premature, if not dangerous, to speculate on the policy implications of the new findings.

He said the U.S. withdrawal plan was a basic policy question that would have to be taken up once the reevaluation was complete.

Asked whether the review had begun, he said he was not



RALLY: At a recent parade in Seoul, the crowd holds up placards to form a picture of South Korean President Park Chung-hee. Park's government hopes that weapons such as these—and a continued U.S. military presence—will deter the North Koreans.

troops from South Korea over the next few years.

Maj. Gen. John Singlaub, forced to retire last year after criticizing for a second time the wisdom of the withdrawal plan, said he had been vindicated by the new intelligence estimate.

Some congressmen reacted swiftly to the intelligence analysis, by demanding that President Carter reconsider his plan announced in January, 1977, to withdraw ground

Denies tape of shots was his

Motorcycle cop casts doubt on JFK conspiracy

DALLAS Tex. Jan. 5 (Agencies) — A Dallas policeman says his microphone could not have transmitted the recording that prompted the House of Representatives Assassinations Committee to conclude a conspiracy existed in the slaying in 1963 of President John Kennedy.

The acoustics experts told the Assassinations Committee last week that an analysis of the recording they believe came from the motorcycle radio of Officer H.B. McClain establishes that shots were fired at Kennedy from two different

directions.

It was on the basis of this evidence that the committee said it believed there had probably been a conspiracy in Kennedy's murder.

But McClain, interviewed on CBS television, said he does not think the recording came from his motorcycle which was part of the escort for the presidential motorcade through Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, because he could not hear a siren.

"It wasn't mine," McClain, now retired, said after hearing the tape for the first time. "If it had been stuck (open) then

there would have been a siren on it all the way to the hospital."

The Dallas police force has disputed the theory that the tape recording came from a motorcycle in the area of the shooting. The police said the recording was made from a broadcast on a channel that was not assigned to police traveling with the Kennedy motorcade.

Motorcycles assigned to the presidential motorcade were supposed to be transmitting on Channel 2. The recording was made at police headquarters of a transmission over Channel 1.

McClain said he now remembers hearing Dallas police Chief Jesse Curry tell patrolmen to accompany the motorcade to the hospital. That order, he said, was sent on Channel 2. The acoustics experts said it is possible the recording was made from two motorcycle radios, officer McClain's and one in another area.

The Warren Commission ruled in 1964 that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing President Kennedy by firing three shots from a building behind the motorcade.

But the acoustics experts said

their examination of the tape recording with new, sophisticated equipment, established "beyond a reasonable doubt" that there had been four shots, one of them coming from a grassy knoll in front of the motorcade.

If this were true, it would mean there had to be at least one other person trying to kill Kennedy.

The Assassinations Committee asked the Justice Department to continue the investigation, but the department has decided it will wait until the nearly 40-volume of committee report is published later in the year.



CAMBODIAN POWs: Vietnamese soldiers guard 2 Cambodian POWs during an offensive last year. In the current offensive Vietnamese troops were reported Friday to be on the verge of encircling Phnom Penh.

Huey Fong has nowhere to go

Doors slam on 2,700 refugees

HONG KONG, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — The 2,700 Vietnamese refugees stranded for two weeks off Hong Kong on the Huey Fong were faced Friday with the choice of staying on the high seas forever or moving on to Taiwan, which has said it will not accept them.

A United Nations official spelled out the options to two representatives of the refugees aboard a Royal Navy patrol craft guarding the rusty Taiwanese freighter.

UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) representative Angelo Rasanasyagan said the refugees could sail to the ship's original destination, the southern Taiwanese port of Kaohsiung, or "stay here forever on the high seas with increasing suffering."

He said later, "I gave them an objective rundown on the situation and said it's up to them to consult among themselves."

But refugee officials in Taipei said two days ago that Taiwan would not accept the Vietnamese, arguing that "the freighter was Panamanian-registered though Taiwanese-owned."

Off Manila Friday, technicians sprayed the stranded Huey Fong with disinfectant and began chlorinating its water supply to combat rampant gastro-intestinal disorders among the 2,318 Vietnamese aboard.

Sanitary conditions aboard the freighter, lying at anchor in Manila Bay for nine days, are spawning 10-15 new cases of gastro-intestinal disorders daily, an official said. A woman of about 45 was taken to hospital Friday for treatment of probable hepatitis.

With 5,000 refugees already

in Hong Kong pending resettlement abroad, the colony would not allow fresh resettlement offers from third countries to be allocated to those on the Huey Fong, Rasanasyagan said.

He told the refugees that if they did anything desperate like scuttling their ship, "the Hong Kong government would do something drastic and detain them as illegal immigrants."

Victims of Kent State get out-of-court grant

CLEVELAND, Ohio Jan. 5 (AP) — A \$675,000 settlement and a statement of regret has brought an end to the long and bitter legal battle waged by victims of the Ohio National Guard bullets fired at Kent State University protesters in 1970.

"We got everything we wanted and more," said lawyer Sanford Jay Rosen of San Francisco, California, who represented nine people wounded at Kent State and the families of four students who were killed.

The settlement read into the record in U.S. District Court ended a retrial of a five-year-old damage suit.

It included a statement on behalf of the defendants — Gov. James Rhodes and 27 present and former National Guard members — expressing regret and saying that "the tragedy of May 4, 1970, should not have occurred." But it denied liability for the shoot-

ings. The biggest part of the settlement, \$350,000, goes to Dean Kahler, now 28, who was paralyzed below the waist during the clash between guardsmen and students, protesting the movement of U.S. forces into Cambodia.

The other eight wounded get amounts ranging from \$15,000 to \$42,500. The families of the slain students receive \$15,000 each. Also included in the settlement is \$50,000 for lawyers' fees and \$25,000 for their out-of-pocket expenses.

The Kent State issue has been a festering sore in the nation over the last eight years and the controversy only increased when an Ohio Grand Jury first investigated the shootings and blamed the students for the incident.

Gov. Rhodes too has felt political repercussions from the issue. Students demonstrated at several of his public appearances and shouted him down at his 1975 inauguration.

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Spanish violence claims new victim in Basque area

MADRID, Jan. 5 (R) — Gunmen shot and seriously wounded a civil guard in Spain's troubled Basque region Friday in a fresh outbreak of the guerrilla violence which killed three other officials in separate incidents earlier this week.

Police said the paramilitary guard was fired on by several gunmen as he left his

home in the Basque town of Leodio.

Suspicion immediately fell on the Basque separatist guerrilla group ETA, which has claimed responsibility for the murders this week of Madrid's military governor as well as an army major and a bomb disposal expert.

The latest incident occurred as the Spanish cabinet dis-

cussed breaches of discipline by army officers at yesterday's funeral of the Madrid military governor, Maj-Gen. Constantino Ortin GS.

The cabinet heard a report from the defense minister, Lt. Gen. Manuel Gutierrez Mellado, on the incidents in which officers insulted him and disobeyed their superiors.

About 100 officers shouted "resign, resign" and "death to the traitors of Spain" before snatching the general's coffin and carrying it shoulder-high through central Madrid followed by hundreds of ultra-rightist demonstrators.

Some officers gave the fascist salute before the coffin and joined the rightists in singing the Falangist anthem "face to the sun."

The incidents were the most serious indication of unrest in the armed forces since the government foiled a right-wing military plot last November.

The government has come under increasing fire from right-wingers — including sectors of the police and military — for its failure to stamp out guerrilla violence.



NICARAGUA: Rescue workers evacuate wounded during heavy fighting in Nicaragua last year. A new round of battles between government forces and Sandinista rebels was reported Friday.

Civilian casualties reported

Fighting heavy in Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 5 (UPI) — Fighting reportedly widened in the mountains of northern Nicaragua Friday and Managua's Human Rights Commission charged that the government had bombed civilian targets in the area.

The newspaper "La Prensa" expressed fear of civilian casualties.

José Esteban González, leader of Managua's Human

Rights Commission, said government aircraft had indiscriminately bombed villages and farms in northern Nicaragua.

President Anastasio Somoza, who has spurned a U.S.-backed peace proposal, said he would meet Friday with government and military leaders to draw up security measures for expected trouble next Wednesday. Opposition lea-

ders have called for a general strike and mammoth demonstrations to mark the first anniversary Jan. 10 of the murder of one of Somoza's arch political foes.

Meanwhile, informed sources in Managua say that at least 13 people have been killed in bomb attacks and clashes between left-wing Sandinista guerrillas and National Guardmen in Nicaraguan cities since the New Year.

10 die of toxic fumes in Canaries

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, Jan. 5 (R) — Ten factory workers died Thursday trying to rescue a colleague who fell to his death into a vat of poisonous waste from a fish canning factory, police said. They were overcome by toxic fumes from the waste, which was due to be dumped at sea.

'You have all the bodies'. Gacy says

CHICAGO, Jan. 5 (AP) — Accused killer John Gacy has told authorities "you have all the bodies" in what appears to be the largest mass murder in the country this century. "The Chicago Tribune" reported Friday. The paper said Gacy confessed on Dec. 21 that he had molested and murdered 32 young men and boys.

Thailand lifts political ban

BANGKOK, Jan. 5 (R) — The Thai National Assembly Friday unanimously revoked laws banning political gatherings in public places. The vote opens the way for campaigning for general elections due in April.

Botha accepts U.N. offer on S. Africa

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 5 (AP) — South African Foreign Minister P. W. Botha on Thursday readily accepted Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim's offer to send his special representative, Martti Ahtisaari, to South Africa soon for talks looking toward South-West Africa's independence from South Africa next fall.

Soviet musician gets Dutch asylum

THE HAGUE, Jan. 5 (R) — Soviet conductor Kirill Kondrashin, 64, who announced last month that he would not return to Russia, has been granted permission to stay in Holland, a justice ministry spokesman has said.

UFO sighting claimed in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 5 (AP) — Amid reports of unidentified flying object sightings from around the world, a white South African woman and her son have claimed to have watched an alien craft land near their home. And five or six creatures, all dark-skinned, got out and spoke in a strange Meagen Quetzet, a former nurse, said Thursday.

U.S. air smoking ban to be weighed by panel

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP) — The Civil Aeronautics Board has ordered U.S. airlines to segregate cigar and pipe smokers from other passengers and said it will ask for public comment on whether all smoking should be banned on commercial flights.

The only government rule now in effect requires airlines to provide non-smoking sections apart from cigarette, pipe and cigar smokers.

Expressing some impatience to resolve the smoking issue after 27 months of study, CAB Chairman Marvin Cohen said Thursday the board lacks the votes to ban all smoking, including cigarettes, on commercial flights.

But he said hearings will be held to determine just how far the CAB should go in regulating smoking.

Meanwhile, the board approved several rules intended to give added protection to non-smoking airline passengers from the smoke of others. The rule approved Thursday instructs airlines to enforce regulations "providing for specific segregation of cigar and pipe smokers and for such other procedures as may be necessary to avoid exposing persons seated in no-smoking areas to smoke from pipes and cigars."

Interview with Teng

China may use force on Taiwan

PEKING, Jan. 5 (AP) — Senior Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping said Friday he hopes the nationalist island of Taiwan can be returned to mainland control this year.

He told American correspondents here China "will be taking a variety of measures in different forms" to discuss the question with Taiwan authorities and in particular nationalist President Chiang Ching-kuo.

He emphasized that Peking's goal is to achieve a peaceful reunification of the two Chinas — divided for 30 years — but he called "other than peaceful" means. To do so he said, would be to tie China's hands and hinder a peaceful solution.

In his hour-long meeting with the American reporters in the "Great Hall of the People," the 74-year-old Chinese leader said he would not discuss Taiwan with U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater in Washington but that if he met him he would personally invite him to come to China to do so.



Vice Premier Teng

Teng last Tuesday invited Goldwater through a visiting U.S. congressional group to visit Peking at his convenience to examine the question of reunification.

Teng said China is trying to give full "people democracy" and that he hopes there will be no discussion on human rights in China "for each country has its own interpretation or explanation."

He said this in reply to a question on the possibility the United States would grant China favorable trade terms if it could satisfy critics that it is not violating human rights or restricting emigration.

The vice premier, giving his first news conference in Peking, denied Soviet charges that normalization of U.S.-China relations will result in a military alliance between the United States, China and Japan.

U.S. saves Soviet polar team

DUNEDIN, New Zealand Jan. 5 (R) — Five Russians who survived an Antarctic plane crash were recovering from injuries in hospital here Friday after a marathon, 29-hour mercy flight by a United States Navy aircraft.

The pilot, co-pilot and one passenger aboard the Soviet Ilyushin-14 transport were killed when the plane crashed on take-off from the Soviet scientific base at Moldezhnaya on Tuesday a U.S. military spokesman said.

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U.S. AND IRAN

The escalating crisis in Iran has forced American policy-makers to take a long hard look at the question of U.S. strategic interests in the Gulf region—to discover what went wrong with U.S. calculations in Iran, to chart a series of options for dealing with possible changes in that country's power structure, and to bolster ties with the southern tier of Gulf states as a warning to the Soviet Union not to meddle in the affairs of this vitally important region. A U.S. government task force under the leadership of former Undersecretary of State George Ball has been studying American options in the Gulf for over a month now.

It is to be hoped that the deliberations of the task force are more coherent and reasoned than the frantic, confused speculations of the American press. Unfortunately, there is some evidence that the American media's confusion over Iran's current turmoil and its future prospects in part reflects an uncertainty within the Carter administration itself. This uncertainty has been reflected in various statements by President Carter and his top aides. One week Mr. Carter voices full support for the Shah. The next week he expresses doubts about the monarch's political survival. A naval task force in the Pacific is ordered to steam in the direction of the Gulf. Then it is told to stay put in the South China Sea, so as not to "inflammatory the situation further" in Iran.

There appears little doubt that the United States was caught totally off-guard by the events in Iran, and is now scrambling to put together a contingency strategy to cope with possible eventualities. Whether because of defective intelligence or faulty conclusions drawn by policymakers, the Carter administration—and indeed most Americans—took Iran for granted as a strong, long-term ally in the Gulf region and as a virtually permanent buffer against Soviet expansionism. U.S. officials tended to view Iran only in the context of global strategy. They ignored the country's domestic realities, and professed astonishment when those realities were translated into political discord.

It is also apparent the United States is uncertain over the extent of Soviet involvement in the Iranian crisis. While there have been accounts of clandestine anti-Shah radio broadcasts emanating from unknown locations in the Soviet Union, no one seems to be able to pin down active Soviet involvement in the disorders in various Iranian cities. U.S. leaders seem to be operating on the assumption that Moscow has adopted a wait-and-see attitude towards Iran. In order to avoid a possible superpower confrontation, Soviet leaders no doubt recall the statement earlier this year by U.S. Air Force Secretary John Stenson that America has a "tacit obligation" to intervene militarily in Iran in the event of a Soviet invasion. An outright invasion, however, would hardly be necessary to enable the Russians to gain a foothold on the northern coast of the Gulf. We have seen how the Soviets have taken effective control of countries in Africa and Asia without the use of troops, tanks or aircraft. If the U.S. has any evidence of major Soviet involvement in the Iranian crisis, it should confront Moscow boldly and forthrightly on the issue.

Meanwhile, all of us anxiously await the outcome of the ongoing "reassessment" of America's Gulf strategy. A clear-cut formulation of American policy in this region would not only allow the Carter administration to act more decisively in times of crisis but would also give other Gulf countries a better idea of where they stand in terms of America's long-range strategic interests.

... If I could stay

By Thomas Kent

TEHRAN — About half the Americans who once lived in this troubled country are expected to be home by week's end, some harboring regrets, but all relieved at escaping the civil unrest.

"I decided it was time to get out because the situation wasn't going to get any better," said John Dew, of Hawthorne, California, one of several Americans waiting at his hotel for a delayed Pan American flight Thursday.

Dew, a security officer for the Isfahan division of Northern Aviation, said massive demonstrations and a report of a bomb being tossed into a bus of Americans had prompted his departure.

A colleague, Mearle Hawkins of Santa Monica, California, said bank operations, fuel supplies and mail service were disrupted in Isfahan, about 120 miles south of Tehran. Dew and Hawkins said rioting in the city did not affect their homes in a development about 20 miles from Isfahan. "When we left our landlord, it was like leaving a

part of our own family," said Chuck Carroll of Fullerton, California.

Carroll, an American Telephone & Telegraph Co. employee and accounting adviser for the Iranian Telephone Company, lived with his wife, Aurelia, in a suburban home in the foothills of the snow-capped Alborz Mountains overlooking Tehran.

Carroll said his Iranian neighbors were "just delightful," and he learned a bit of the language.

"We rode in the local buses instead of taxis and had really good relations with our landlord and everyone else," Carroll said. "If I could stay here, I would."

But he added he was forced to go home from work early two times in recent months because of demonstrations against the Shah.

About 45,000 Americans lived in Iran about a year ago, but the number is expected to decline to about 25,000 by the end of the week. The U.S. embassy has recommended U.S. dependents leave unless they have essential business. —(AP)

Tension among black Rhodesians

By Maureen Johnson

SALISBURY, Rhodesia —

The attempted kidnap this week from Salisbury's university campus of an aide of guerrilla chief Joshua Nkomo by five heavily armed black raiders underlines mounting tension between Rhodesian blacks in a country long torn by a guerrilla war launched initially to oust white rule.

The raid at the modern, 450-acre campus located in a wealthy white suburb five miles from the city center follows the murder last month of a former top aide of Salisbury black leader Bishop Abel Muzorewa.

Rev. Arthur Kanoderaka, who quit Muzorewa's movement earlier this year, was taken from his Salisbury home by a group of black gunmen and shot dead on a main road about 160 kilometers from the capital.

Several days later another former aide of Muzorewa, an associate of Kanoderaka, Rev. Max Chigwida, fled the country saying he feared for his life.

"Many people are killed in the same way as Arthur was," said Chigwida before leaving with his American wife. "Everyone is in danger these days."

Nkomo aide Ariston Chambari, an Oxford-educated political science lecturer, blamed the latest attack on one of the two private armies being built up by the two main black leaders joined with Prime Minister Ian Smith in the transition government. Muzorewa and the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole.

Chambari said Sithole gunmen were probably responsible. Rhodesia's black nationalist movement has since its inception in the early 1950s been wracked by deep divisions, both on broadly tribal lines

and between rival groups within the majority Shona tribe. The divisions have become increasingly complex — and dangerous — since the signing last March of the guerrilla-opposed domestic agreement for black rule.

Muzorewa, Sithole and tribal chief Jeremiah Chirau, all Mashona, are collectively denounced as sellouts by guerrilla chiefs, Zambila-based Nkomo and Mozambique-based Robert Mugabe.

Observers have long seen a potential for civil war between Nkomo, who heads an insurgent force based on the minority Matabele tribe, and Mugabe, whose followers are mainly Mashona. If the two leaders' loose Patriotic Front alliance seized or negotiated control.

But observers now see a second threat of black civil war building up between Muzorewa and Sithole and their respective followers against guerrilla sympathizers.

Muzorewa and Sithole are each keen to become the first president of a black-ruled Zimbabwe after universal suffrage elections scheduled for April 20 under Salisbury's unrecognized program for black rule.

Muzorewa's United African National Council and Sithole's Zimbabwe African National Union have an unspecified number of armed youth wing followers each.

With the blessing of the white-led security forces they are policing up to 10 per cent of tribal areas. Regular troops are withdrawn from these "frozen" areas, which are termed auxiliaries, as part of the transition government's largely abortive bid to achieve a ceasefire.

The Roman Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, a watchdog body, maintains in a

recent dossier that members of the private armies are guilty of political thuggery and intimidation against black civilians.

Police are believed to have taken ballistic tests of captured guerrilla weapons issued to Muzorewa and Sithole irregulars.

Police have not yet announced whether ballistic tests of Kanoderaka's bullet-ridden car gave any indication of who might have been responsible.

Party spokesmen for Muzorewa and Sithole complain periodically their followers are harassed by rival groups, but maintain their own particular armed men are largely disciplined.

"It is a very, very complicated situation," said Sithole spokesman James Dzvoza when asked to comment on Chambari's allegations.

"I really wouldn't know whether any of our auxiliary forces were involved. We hope not and we condemn this sort of thing."

Dzvoza added: "We have got armed youth wings, but so have our opponents. In addition, there are young men now in the country, armed and trained outside, but owing allegiance to nobody."

Chambari, one of a group of leading Shona nationalists loyal to Nkomo, said he received several threatening telephone calls from blacks since returning to Rhodesia five weeks ago.

Chambari spent several months in exile in Britain after last September's banning by the authorities of local affiliates of the two guerrilla movements.

Smith announced the ban as part of a bid to halt the escalating guerrilla war — which meanwhile confines unabated. —(AP)

Iran: Question and answer

By Thomas Kent

TEHRAN — The Shah is installing a civilian government after two months of military rule and bloody rioting in Iran. What could the new regime mean for the nation in turmoil? Here is a question-and-answer look at the current Iranian situation:

Q. Who makes up the new government?

A. A full list of ministers is expected to be announced on Saturday. The Shah has named Shahpour Bakhtiar, a 62-year-old international lawyer, as prime minister-designate. Bakhtiar is a 25-year veteran of opposition politics, has been a frequent inmate of Iranian prisons because of his support for free elections, abolition of the Savak secret police and an end to torture of prisoners.

Q. Why would the Shah choose a prime minister with such a history of opposition?

A. The 59-year-old Shah has only a small choice of allies left. He is violently opposed by the nation's religious leaders, who demand his immediate resignation. Much of the middle class has also turned against him, angered by official corruption and the slow pace at which the nation's oil riches have trickled down to the working man. In return for the Shah's granting certain political and police reforms, Bakhtiar will try to restore order under a plan that would allow the Shah to retain his throne.

Q. Isn't there a chance the Shah will leave the country?

A. The Shah said Monday he "would love" to take a foreign holiday, and Bakhtiar has said the monarch will leave for a "rest and vacation." The Shah could leave for a short period while the country cools down, transferring his powers, including control of the armed forces, to a regency council. He might return home later, or

pass the throne to his heir, 18-year-old Crown Prince Reza.

Q. How calm is the country now?

A. There has been a sharp decline in disorders in the past week, following a bloody weekend of rioting that brought at least 106 deaths in the city of Mashhad in northeastern Iran. Some observers believe would-be demonstrators may be giving the new civilian government a chance.

Q. But if Bakhtiar would let the Shah stay in power, and the Shah is so strongly opposed by the population, how can the new government hope to succeed?

A. The problem is a serious one. Some of the Shah's foes are already accusing Bakhtiar of conspiring with the monarch. But after so much bloodshed, many Iranians may be losing their taste for violence, and might welcome a moderate government — even with the Shah nominally in charge — that would restore order. Anti-Shah strikes have resulted in shortages of gasoline and heating fuel, inflation and disruptions in supplies of food and consumer goods.

In addition, Bakhtiar has vowed to strictly limit the Shah's powers to those spelled out in the Iranian constitution, a move that could transform the monarch into a publicly acceptable figurehead.

Q. Is there a possibility that a moderate Bakhtiar government would eventually be overthrown, perhaps by a military coup?

A. Iranian political observers compare the situation now to that in 1953, when the government of Muhammad Mosaddeq — in which Bakhtiar was a deputy minister — forced the Shah out of the country and then was ousted by a military coup that brought the

Shah back to power. But in 1953 the U.S. government was opposed to Mosaddeq, and this time it has declared its support for Bakhtiar. Insisting that his civilian government is supreme over the army, he said Wednesday that it would be improper to try to negotiate a political insurance policy for himself with the generals to remain loyal to the Shah.

Q. If the new government survives, how will it change Iranian politics?

A. Bakhtiar told a news conference Wednesday he will shift the role of the dreaded Savak secret police force to that of an intelligence-gathering agency, punish officials who have violated human rights in the past and restore democracy and freedom of the press. He said his country will continue to sell oil to countries that need it, but be indicated that supplies to Israel might be shut off because of the Jewish state's conflict with Muslim Arab states and that South Africa could lose Iranian oil because of its apartheid policy.

Q. How might the new government affect the regional balance of power?

A. Bakhtiar is expected to be as wary as the Shah of the Soviet Union, Iran's northern neighbor. But he said Iran will no longer be the "gendarme" of the Gulf, signaling a break with the Shah's belief that Iran should have a strong army and air force to counter Soviet influence throughout the Gulf area.

Q. What will Bakhtiar mean for U.S.-Iranian relations?

A. He has stressed that he wants to continue good relations with Washington. But Iran has been buying huge amounts of arms from the United States, and Bakhtiar vows that his government will buy no more arms than the country really needs and can afford. —(AP)

China's 'Year of the Goat'

By Dennis Bloodworth

SINGAPORE, —

China enters 1979 — the "Year of the Goat" — a prisoner of the paradox that in order to modernize and match up to Moscow, Peking must not only befriend the capitalist world, but adopt its capitalist methods. Although Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping's "revisionist" industrial revolution is also narrowing the gap between Russia and China, practice, there are no signs yet that this has generated any warmth between the two Communist neighbors. It is the United States that has virtually lost its status as a super-villain, and as the New Year opens Chinese foreign policy is likely to be focussed even more sharply on the task of frustrating the "new Thars" in the Kremlin bent on "world hegemony."

This trend has been emphasized by the escalating game of power ping-pong that in the past few months has had the Chinese signing a peace treaty with Japan, the Russians riposting by concluding a treaty of friendship and co-operation with Vietnam, and the Chinese striking back hard by "normalizing" their relations with the U.S. In February China will follow through by unilaterally abrogating its 30-year-old treaty with the USSR.

That move will be complemented by more of the expanding, if not exploding, diplomatic with the present day needs and aspirations.

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lombacy that has taken senior Chinese dignitaries to some 50 countries during 1978 in search of friendship, notably with the U.S. and Japan and (if possible) with a united and powerful Europe behind Moscow's back. Teng will set the pace for 1979 by beating Leonid Brezhnev to the United States this month. For at the hub of China's anti-Soviet wheeling and dealing is Washington's formal recognition of Peking on Jan. 1, marking the beginning of the end of America's diplomatic and defense links with Taiwan.

China will have headaches. Unification of the strategic, nationalist Taiwan may be far off, despite all Teng's wooing, and meanwhile the Chinese are stuck with the degrading chore of backing the odious regime of Pol Pot in Cambodia, since it is the best available stumbling block to the hegemonic ambitions of "pro-Soviet" Hanoi in neighboring Indochina.

But the Chinese will not go to war for Pol Pot, for 1979 will be above all a year of high risk at home. As the resolutions of the December session of the party's central committee made clear, the Communists will be caught up in a gigantic business venture of "Socialist modernization" which will involve the increasing participation of capitalist funds, equipment and expertise from abroad.

They have contracted, or

are seeking loans, totalling about \$30 billion, and it is estimated that they will need ten times as much to complete their program.

A country with a strong credit rating that hitherto has paid cash on the nail, China is plunging deeply into debt. Early this year, Japan's books will contain orders from Peking worth more than the \$10 billion provided for in their eight-year trade agreement. At the same time, the Chinese will have to lash out in Europe in 1979 if they are to update the woefully antiquated weaponry of the People's Liberation Army, and this could mean spending three-quarters of a billion dollars in British Harrier jump-jets alone.

The risk is not financial. The Chinese are turning an ideological somersault, convinced that the key to effective modernization is not inherited Maoist dogma, but emulation of bourgeois big business that "consciously does things according to objective economic law."

The current "thought" for the day is that peasant self-interest and "democratic" involvement produce more than revolutionary fervor. At farm and factory level workers may elect their own immediate bosses in future; they may also earn bigger bonuses when they are efficient, but bear their share of the blame and loss if output falls. — (FORNS)

the power to play a more active role in combating aggression, intervention and colonialism so that it could become instrumental in the realization of international peace and stability.

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Referring to the recent alterations that Israel is making in the holy Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, "Al-Medina" said that the Save Jerusalem Committee "has expressed its concern over the recurrent Israeli attacks on this holy Muslim shrine."

The paper, quoting the committee, said "the Jewish authorities are trying to open a new gate in the city wall and to demolish a 16th century Arab area."

"The list is long," the paper said, "beginning with the occupation of the city and the burning of Al-Aqsa. But it is a mistake to believe that the Jews are merely altering the mosque or modernizing it. They are acting with malice stretching over several centuries and if they could, they would wipe out the mosque altogether. They want to change history. But they can't. Jerusalem is a holy Muslim city occupied by the Jews. Whatever they do to it, it

shall remain a Muslim city." Commenting on a recent statement made by the traffic director of Jeddah that 10,000 traffic offenders were jailed last year, "Al-Medina" said "this is something that one should not be proud of."

It said that traffic offenders should not be sent to prison, which is a demeaning experience. Offenders, like everywhere else, should be fined rather than jailed," it said.

"Al-Riyadh" said "when ever there are indications of a possible return to normalcy in Lebanon, Israel flexes its muscles to undermine the peace. And it seems that the United States, the Soviet Union and United Nations have allowed Israel a free hand in Lebanon. The latest reports point out to imminent Israeli incursions into southern Lebanon to prevent the Lebanese army from taking up positions there, according to a plan to extend the authority of the Lebanese government throughout the

country with the cooperation of the United Nations forces. The Israeli objective is to annex southern Lebanon on the pretext of striking at Palestinian strongholds."

"Al-Jazirah" said Begin's offer to take in a few hundred Vietnamese refugees "is an insipid joke made by a bloodthirsty man whose hands are still smeared with the blood of scores of thousands of Palestinians who are still fighting for the restoration of their legitimate rights. How can a man like Begin or any other Zionist make such a statement after banishing over a million people from their land and rendering them homeless?"

"Begin is a liar," the paper said, "because he has no right to absorb even one Vietnamese refugee. This is not his country."

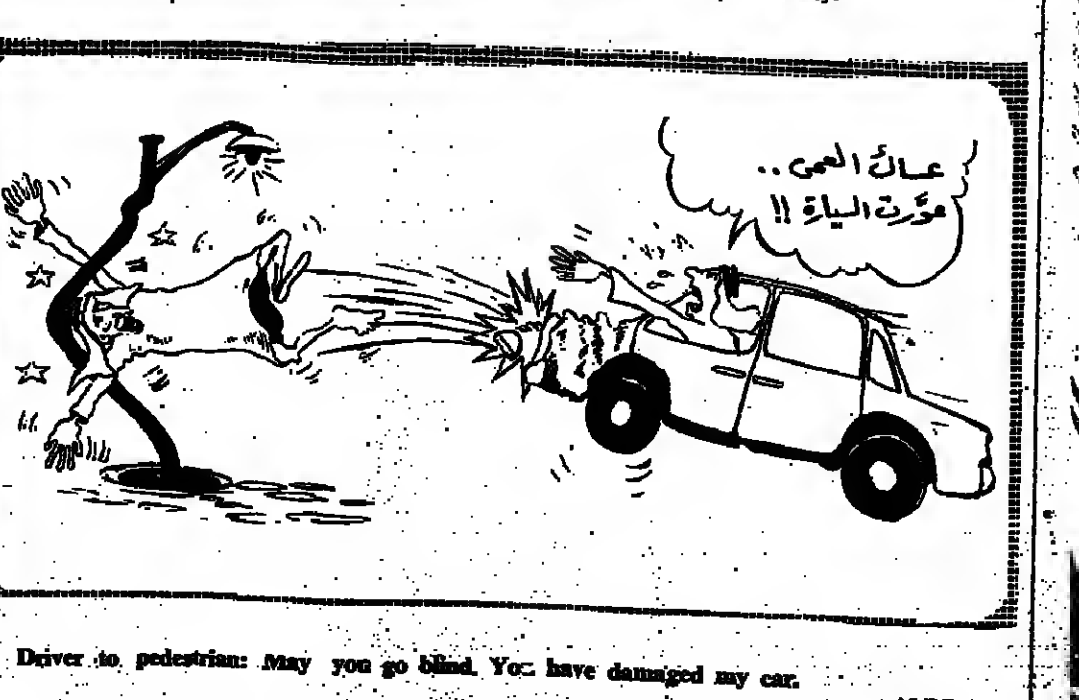
"Okaz" referred to Waldheim's statement calling for the reorganization of the United Nations to make it com-

patible with the present day needs and aspirations.

The paper hoped that this could be done "in view of the present inexperience" of the world body. It pointed out to

Israel's defiance of U.N. resolutions, the Soviet onslaught in the Horn of Africa, and South Africa's malpractices in the continent.

"The U.N. should be given



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Treasures of Sudan at Khartoum Museum

By Mary Jo McConahay

KHARTOUM — The treasures found at Sudan's National Museum in Khartoum would be a source of pride to the richest nation.

The processional walkway lined with sphinxes which leads to the museum building's front door is also the starting point for a miniature Nile running languidly through the grounds. Its course is set in concrete and it never overflows its banks, but like the great river itself once did, the museum's little "Nile" flows by Nubian temples thousands of years old. Threatened by flooding when the Aswan Dam was built farther downstream in Egypt, the ruins of the temples were reconstructed block by block there, many of their painted friezes and hieroglyphs still bright. Because Khartoum is not the dry Nubian desert, the temples now stand inside a type of see-through hangars as a concession to the local climate.

Following the river past the temples, the visitor comes upon what looks like a blossoming hillside alongside its banks. In fact, the "hill" has an entrance which leads to a decorated mummy's coffin—the sarcophagus of a Nubian prince named Djehuty-Hetep. The original tomb was carved into a cliff north of Wadi Halfa, moved to Khartoum and fixed to resemble the prince's original resting place.

These attempts at creating a living memory bank of Sudan's past for its present generations are repeated in the atmosphere of the two-story, indoor museum. On one floor is a panorama of the past including stone age implements, pottery, a riveting collection of seals in the shape of the sacred scarab beetle, sculpture, sarcophagi and even a fragment of the earliest known woven pile rug in existence. And there is gold, intricately worked and plenty of it from the cases to chains of look-alike amulets, delicate animal and human pitha pieces to imposing statua of power and beautiful jewelry for men and women.

Despite the wealth of items big and small here, the art styles of the ancient kingdoms of Northern Sudan are shared with those of Egypt, and the visitor who has been to Cairo and Luxor will find many familiar themes. Upstairs, however, is an extensive exhibit unique to Khartoum: the Coptic art of Nubia.

The first expressions were a blend of old symbols and elements of the new faith. A central religious figure might have enormous wings spanning the width of the picture, an echo of the pharaonic sun worship symbols whose wings spread the length of lotus in tombs and temples. There are paintings, church walls and altars also rescued from the flooding caused by Aswan, which emerge as documents of how cultural symbols are exchanged with the spread of religions. A simple illustration is a staff from Meinarti dated between the seventh and twelfth centuries, when Islam was spreading. The cross on the head of the staff is placed neatly inside a crescent from the East.

To tourist eyes grown bleary with the wooden figures of the Nile kingdoms, the saints and madonnas of plastic Nubian Coptic art is refreshing. One late tenth century nativity wall from a church at Faras, for example, moves in several directions at once, dominated by an oversized Mary floating oodlesque-style in the center. The rest of the frame is filled with galloping Magi, angles with censers, shepherds carrying canteens and walking sticks. Placidly watching from a corner is a Nubian princess, included much as patrons were painted into the religious tableaux of the Renaissance. Curiously, whenever Nubians appear, they are black, but religious figures are always white.

Unearthing and preserving the treasures of Sudan is an international effort. The U.S. in particular has contributed heavily in the salvage of the Nubian antiquities.

"We expect others to help

us," says director general of Antiquities and National Museums Sayed Najmuddin Sherif. "We consider the responsibility is not only a national duty. Also, many of the necessary projects are beyond our financial and technical abilities."

Foreign architects are encouraged to work in Sudan through the Antiquities Directorate, and are allowed to take home half their finds. At present a dozen foreign teams are in the field including Italians, Poles, Canadians, Swiss, Germans, British and a team from the U.S. In addition, students from the University of Khartoum are surveying and excavating a site north of Omdurman, Khartoum's older sister city across the Nile. Sherif considers projects like this one especially important because they give young people a taste of the excitement of archeology in the field, a lure which may keep them interested in the science.

"My biggest problem is how to attract young Sudanese to archeology, and how to train them," he says. "In a developing country recruitment is difficult. To most young people here an archeologist is someone who runs around in the desert in a Land Rover and

looks filthy. He has no social prestige."

The director himself started young: at the age of seven, when his father was a village headman, he overheard a European who had come in to discuss with his father the find of some ancient carvings nearby.

"I began then digging nails out of my ash heap and classifying them in matchboxes," he says.

Much later, Sherif was struck with how quickly the life he and his ancestors had known in the villages was changing. He concentrated one study upon the water-wheel, not only as the life-giving tool of agricultural societies along the Nile, but as the symbol of many aspects of the disappearing life of his native northern Sudan.

"Until the recent appearance of the gas-fed pump, life in these villages depended — actually circulated — around the water wheel. Traditions, customs and laws which regulated life, all were based on the wheel."

Because most disputes centered around the device, the chief of the village had to be

an expert on it much as a lawyer or a judge must be aware of legal precedent when making decisions. So Sherif drilled and debriefed his brother, now chief of their village, until he compiled a tome which is a classic study on the quickly-disappearing artifact.

"I had to do it," says Sherif, "because when my brother dies, who will know these things?"

The director regrets that there is "something missing" from the present collection in Khartoum: a section on the Islamic period. He would like to see an extension, or even a new museum on the subject, but says funds have not yet been forthcoming. Also, again when there is more money, he envisions educational services in the style of American museums. These would include exhibits to show how objects from daily life were made in former times, and a special section where children themselves could make stone age tools, for instance, or listen to music from other times and places. Most of all, he says, he looks forward to the day when the museum can be absolutely free, instead of charging even the nominal fee it asks today.

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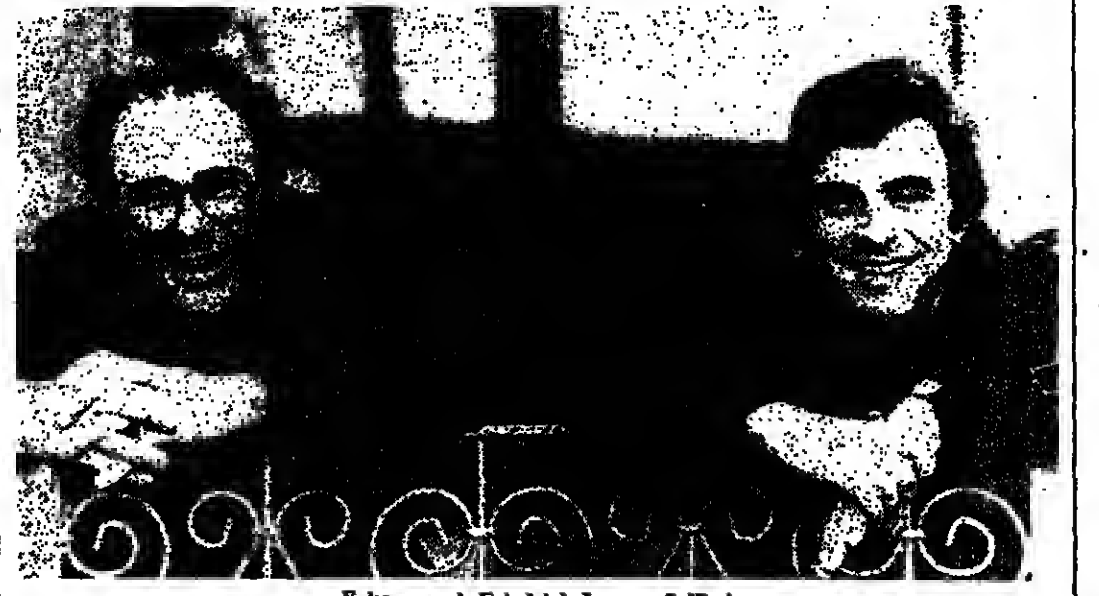
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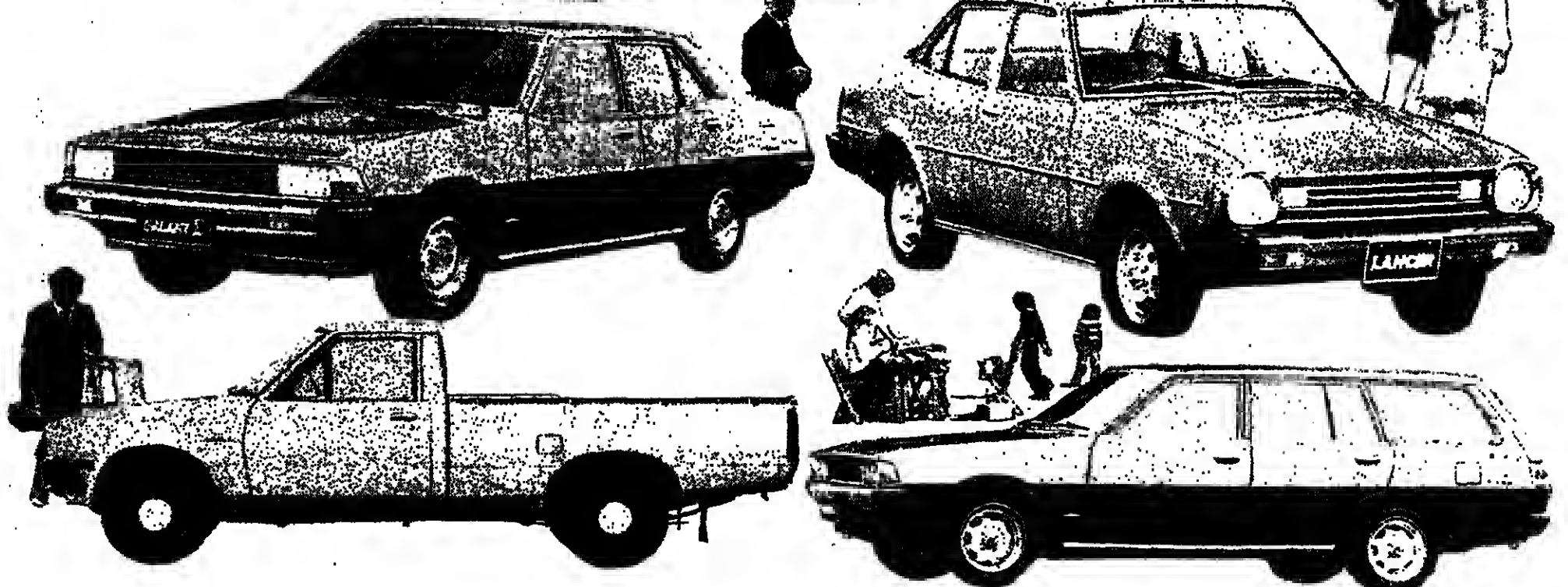
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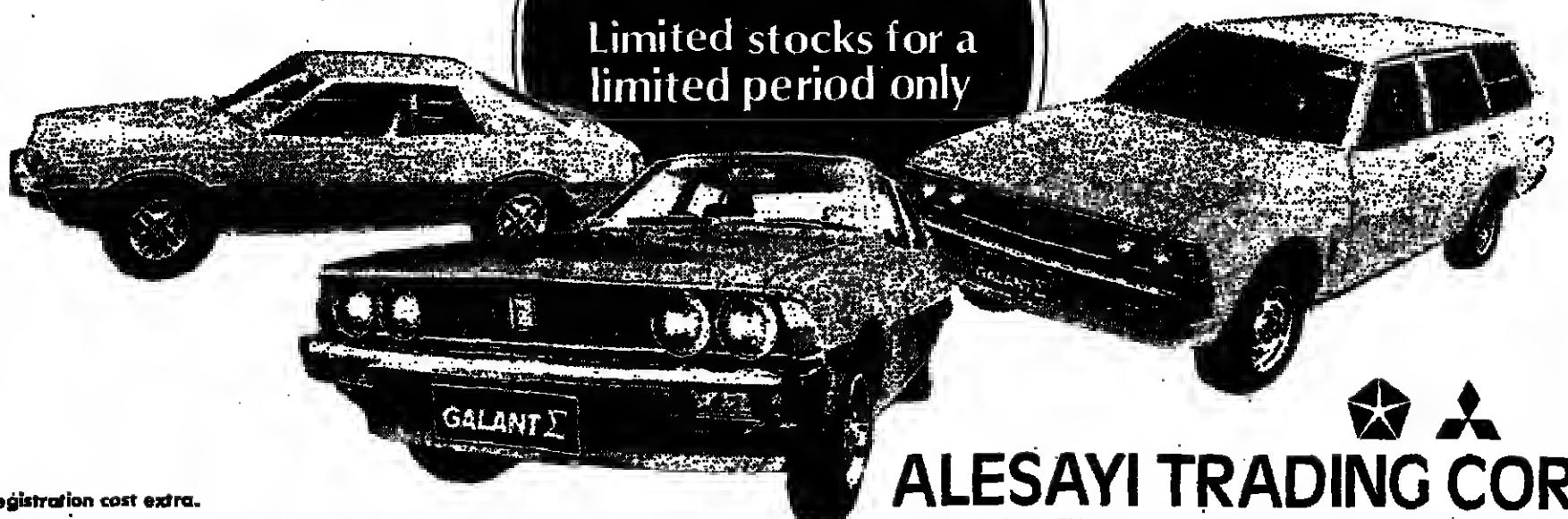
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A Frenchman's political portrait of France

By Andre Bercoff
EDITOR'S NOTE: Andre Bercoff is former cultural editor of the news magazine L'Express and author of seven books. His most recent is "The Revolution of 1980," written under the pseudonym Philippe de Communes.

PARIS — Since the defeat of the Union of the Left in the French legislative elections last March, the positions of the majority and the opposition have seemed fixed for an eternity... that will last until spring 1981, when the French will have to choose a new "king," or confirm their preference for the present incumbent.

Each group is aware that the European elections to be held in June 1979, as important as they may be, will in no way change the relationships among Giscardians, Chiracians, Socialists and Communists.

At the most they will confirm certain lines of relative strength established by the partial legislative elections, namely the resurgence of the Socialists and the retreat of the Communist Party, while "the party of the president" will strive to come out looking better than the Gauls, who don't have a reputation as the most Europe-oriented of French politicians. Meanwhile, will France grow "bored" once again, as an editorial writer proclaimed just before May 1968?

Here is the political portrait of France: on the surface, the satisfied purring of the politicians; beneath the surface, unemployment, inflation and the first signs of a civil disobedience that, if we aren't careful, risks leading to a state of violence that could, sooner or later, call forth roused "savants" set on restoring order.

The "French illness" is the topic of fashionable dinner conversation, while things are allowed to drift until the country produces one of those mini-revolutions it is so good at, on behalf of which reforms, that should have been made 10 years ago will be hastily passed.

Today, these should all move in a single direction: the strengthening of civil society and direct democracy; the recovery of each citizen's control over his own life free of a state that has for too long been super-centralized, Jacobin, and all-powerful.

The time has come for it to divest itself of some of its powers.

To ward off the kind of revolution whose aftermath is usually filled with the groans of those behind barbed wire, we need a whole series of reforms that are possible and practicable here and now.

Clearly, the first must be real decentralization, the establishment of regional and "departmental" assemblies elected by universal suffrage, and the transfer of direct income taxation to these local collectives, since real decision-making power demands the financial means that make it effective.

It is no longer possible to require that, to build a secondary normal school near Marseilles, one must wait two years for a decision from Paris. Thousands of new jobs could be created by communes if they had real budgets.

A second reform that is immediately possible is the creation of jobs in the area of social life. The proliferation of dormitory housing projects, immense rabbit warrens where thousands of families are packed with no thought to space for recreation or leisure activities, spawns worse and worse delinquency.

What would it take to build in every city in France thousands of multi-disciplinary workshops where young people could make music, learn to build their own motorbikes, plant vegetables, or become skilled in the techniques of solar energy? These workshops could function day and night.

Simultaneously, thousands of young men and women could set to work restoring abandoned villages that afterward could house workers and families who would thus not have to end their days in senior-citizen ghettos, no matter how comfortable they may be.

Realistic Utopia
To break down the lonely crowd and rediscover the conviviality of the tribe — this is a realistic utopia.

Another basic measure would be the redistribution of working hours by the establishment of a la carte schedules so that the men and women would no longer be ground down by the deadly tread of "bus-boos-bed." This measure would be part of a thoroughgoing transformation of corporate organization that would, in the end, completely separate property

from power. It isn't a matter of collectivizing everything but of choosing corporate leaders not because they inherit their position but because they are effective.

Self-management — a term invoked more frequently than defined — also involves the transformation of "stocks into bonds," property into obligations. The clear goal is to abolish the whole structure of wages (not something that will come tomorrow) and to bring worker participation in the decisions that affect the life of the enterprise—something that is a good deal easier than is pretended. Another necessity is the narrowing of the inequalities that flout contemporary France. On this score, whether in terms of the hierarchy of salaries or of differences in wealth, France breaks all the records in Europe.

To this end, we must have a capital-gains lowest salaries, and a serious effort to wipe out fiscal fraud by creating a "directory" of income to be distributed free of charge. Every year this "phone book" would publish the names, addresses and phone numbers of the citizens along with the amount of their declared income for the preceding year. The abolition of secrecy on this score would be the most important revolution in France since 1789.

To foster the autonomy of citizens and lessen their dependence on the state, it will be important to encourage the development of associations that can play an essential innovative and civilizing role in addition to that exercised by any political party or union.

Examples that currently exist include consumer associations and environmental groups. The necessary condition would be that any contribution or gift to such an association be tax deductible. Again, this is entirely within the realm of possibility.

Along the same line, it is urgent to return freedom of

expression to the French, before they decide to take it by force, as in May 1968.

There must be broad latitude for free radio stations to develop and for experiments with cable television. All the while, we must keep a vigilant eye out so that none of this becomes simply a tool of "big" or "small" business.

Obviously, this would signal the end of the radio-television monopoly in France. Would that be such a tragedy?

There is no question of reaching certain posts in the ministerial cabinets or achieving a high decision-making role, unless one has been reared and trained in these circles.

Are there any other French citizens capable of governing? You'd never think so from a perusal of the directorates of upper management in government and the major corporations.

How many brilliant students are sitting in managers' chairs without ever having lifted their eye from their books? Isn't it time to teach these great intellectuals not to forget manual labor by obliging every Lycee graduate, before entering the university, to spend two years of practical experience in a workshop, a farm or on a construction site?

These few suggestions do not come close to exhausting the subject. I certainly don't mean to say that everything is wrong in France, but why can't this country set an example once again, as it did in 1789, in 1871, in 1936, and in 1968?

It is high time that the "sleeping princes" of both left and right faced the fact that politics is the everyday life of the people. If they continue to treat the French as a nation of backward individuals and inarticulate observers, their dreams are going to be troubled.

The necessity of growth and of a new order of priorities at this time of multinational corporations and new Yaltas in the making can escape no one. —(NYT)

Only the best for 'New Cuisine'

By Katharine Whithorn
LONDON—

French cooks have looked down on English cooks for 200 years, often with good reason. So it was agreeable when I lunched with Paul Bocuse, the high priest of the French nouvelle cuisine, at the Connaught Hotel in London to see that he not only chose roast beef—beef, after all, is beef anywhere—but risked a helping of good old English rice pudding.

Rice pudding? That standby of nurseries, hospitals and London clubs? All slob and grains? Ah, not the way "le Connaught" makes it; there it is something else again, creamy, firm without being sticky, delicious. M. Bocuse plainly knew what he was doing.

A willingness to move out of France is as startling for a French chef as a willingness to move out of Italy is for the Pope. But M. Bocuse is forever trotting off to Japan to oversee restaurant, chasing to the States to publicise a book; he was in London to launch his massive "The New Cuisine".

He was treated with due reverence; though whether the book will sell well is another matter. It costs £15 (\$30 as I write this, probably about \$50 by the time you read it) and is vast enough to rate more as a kitchen fixture than a mere book.

The very names in it make your mouth water: Mousse de fruit au coulis d'abricots, Becasse cocottes sur canape, Jalousies aux amandes. After a lifetime of that, you'd expect a fair bit of tummy on

the chef, but he is a well-proportioned 51, trim, elegant, and prepared to screw his Gallic features into a smile to welcome journalists and customers.

He was brought up in Lyons, where his parents had the restaurant which he has now turned into one of the most famous in the world—the best restaurant in the world, he states with his usual amount of modesty. He has obviously done every inch of the proper course for a chef and knows each last detail, from the way to cut a heart-shaped piece of pastry to the exact way to choose a woodcock.

He has received the Legion d'Honneur for his services to the French stomach, and is regarded by all the chefs in the nouvelle cuisine movement as their leader.

But just exactly what the nouvelle cuisine is I am finding it harder and harder to decide, though I've been trying now for several years. There

are several restaurants in Paris which serve it—they specialize in having their own very plain table settings and modest helpings—"a little bit of nothing in the middle of a white plate" is the unkind description that's been applied to them.

For a time we all thought the new cuisine was the same as Michel Guerard's cuisine minceur, all steamed vegetable and poached bits of fish, everything shredded and butter scarcely allowed to the kitchen; but even Guerard has now bloated out into his cuisine gourmand, and only his restaurant in the south is regarded as the true of minceur.

Any idea that the new cuisine is fatless, austere, restrained and down to earth enough for the twentieth century is certainly dispelled by this book. There is scarcely a recipe that doesn't have butter—it may be a restrained amount—by French standards, but not

by anyone else's. Truffles creep in everywhere—if this sort of thing goes on, there won't be enough truffles in the world to cope with the demand. Even his haubout recipe is about as light as a double duvet—he suggests a tournedos in a savory pancake with truffle and foie gras sauce—well, pasteurized on rye it ain't.

He insists that his only principle is to have first-class materials (which most of us can't get) and to cook everything simply. Which is a bit like saying it's easy to play the trumpet, all you have to do is blow. For the rest of us, the top French cuisine may be two light years away from us instead of three, but that's all.

Never mind, it is good to know that such cooking exists anywhere—even if he does sometimes remind me of the pastiche of our own great Mrs. Becton, which began, "Take a herd of deer and wash their horns in wine..." (OFNS)

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Hilal defeats Ittihad, 3-1; Nasr beats back Ahli, 2-1

By David Smith

JEDDAH, Jan. 5 — The Saudi Premier League became a battle between the two Riyadh sides, Al-Hilal and Al-Nasr, after a weekend which saw the top two teams defeat their Jeddah rivals.

Hilal stayed one point clear of Nasr with a 3-1 victory over Al-Ittihad Friday which puts it on the 15-point mark, but Nasr kept in touch with a 2-1 win Thursday in Jeddah.

With the victory, Hilal ended Ittihad's run of three straight wins over its rival, but the results belied the closeness of the match.

It was not until Samir Sultan's superb goal in the 59th that the Riyadh side took full control. Sultan picked up the ball in midfield, played a quick one-two before passing to Najib Imam who wrongly footed the defense with a neat back-head to Sultan who was able to pick his spot in the net.

The first half had been an evenly-contested midfield duel between Hilal's Rivelino and Ittihad's Buecker, but when Rivelino came off at the break Hilal showed it could win without him.

In the 65th minute, a long throw-in landed in the Ittihad

six-yard box and, with the defenders uncertain, Imam was on hand to head powerfully into the net. Hilal continued to press hard and it was no surprise in the 80th when a defensive error gave Imam a clear run and the Tuaisiao made no mistake as he slotted the ball past the advancing Al-Shehri.

But Ittihad refused to give up and was rewarded in the final minute when Buecker sent in a flighted corner and Hamed Subhi was waiting to send a perfect header into the roof of the Hilal net.

Nasr 2, Ahli 1

This defeat leaves last year's champion six points adrift at the top of the table and, with half the season completed, almost certainly means that a new name will be on the league trophy this year.

Without two key forwards and losing Ahmed Al-Sagor at half time, Ahli still put on a brave performance in the second half after going in at half-time 2-1 down. Although the Jeddah side had more of the play, its finishing was weak and Nasr looked the more dangerous side in break-away attacks.

Abdullah Abdabbu put the Riyadh side in front with a beautifully worked goal in the 26th minute, and Tunisian striker Raouf bin Aziz added the second with a penalty nine minutes later. Sagor pulled one back in the 39th minute after running onto a perfectly weighted through ball from Idris Adam which split the defense.

Sagor was injured in scoring this goal and did not reappear for the second half. Without his scoring power Ahli was unable to gain the equalizer despite midfield dominance by Tarek Disab and Idris Adam.



CAMPY: Put in another powerhouse show for the Cavs Thursday night with 26 points and eight assists.

Versatile Russell powers out Knicks

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (AP)

— "He shows you something every game, doesn't he?" Cleveland's Terry Furlow said after teammate Campy Russell had put in another fine all-round performance to lead the Cavaliers to a 117-103 victory over the New York

Knicks Thursday night.

The versatile Russell scored 26 points and collected eight assists, prompting coach Bill Fitch to say "I'd have to say he has had an excellent year. He's playing both ends of the court, handling two positions

(forward and guard) and he's been able to stay healthy."

In other National Basketball Association action Thursday, the Kansas City Kings beat the San Diego Clippers, 108-105 and the New Jersey Nets whipped the New Orleans Jazz, 125-112.

But may fight exhibition

Ali is 'too great to box again'

SANTA MONICA, California, Jan. 5 (UPI) — Muham-

mad Ali declared Thursday he would not defend his title again but added he wasn't officially retired and would do that when he was ready. "I'm too great to box again," the three-time heavyweight champion said at a news conference for the Muhammad Ali track meeting in Long Beach Saturday. "What would I gain? The only thing I could gain would be to try to win

it (title) four times and I'm too old for that." "Boxing is in the past for me but I haven't retired yet. I have to go to the boxing commissioner and alert the boxing authorities. They have to hear me say it. I haven't officially retired yet but I'm the boss of boxing and I'll do that when I'm ready."

Ali said his biggest concern was to leave boxing while still on top. "I'd have to be the biggest fool in the world to go out a loser after being a three-time champion," he said. But Ali said he might fight two exhibition bouts with former British Champion Joe Bugner next month if there is "money in the bank."

Ali said the exhibitions against Bugner are planned for Auckland, New Zealand, on Feb. 8 and Sydney, Australia, on Feb. 15.

U.S. to decide on Knoetze NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (AP) — Kallie Knoetze, opposed by civil rights groups as a representative of the "very worst in South African racial conditions," can only be blocked by the U.S. government from fighting Bill Sharkey on national television on Jan. 13 in Miami Beach, CBS-TV said Thursday.

Frank Smith, president of the network sports, said CBS will televise the bout if it is held.

Knoetze has asked the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service to grant him a temporary work visa without which he may not fight.

PASSPORT LOST

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Yank pitching hero voted AP's Athlete of the Year

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (AP) — Ron Guidry, the slender New York Yankee left-hander who authored one of the most remarkable pitching seasons in major league baseball history, was named Athlete of the Year in 1978 by the Associated Press Friday.

Guidry, who was the unanimous choice for the American League's Cy Young award after pitching a remarkable 25-12 record last season, received 126 votes in nationwide balloting by 412 sports writers and broadcasters.

The Yankee southpaw easily outdistanced PETE Rose of the Philadelphia Phillies, who finished with 94 votes after breaking a modern National League record by hitting safely in 44 consecutive games for the Cincinnati Reds last season.

Jim Rice, the Boston Red Sox Slugger who beat Guidry for the American League's most Valuable Player award, was third with 32.

Muhammad Ali, was fourth with 26. As just ahead of rookie running back Earl Campbell of the Houston Oilers, the National Football League rushing leader with 1,450 yards, who had 23.

Auto racer Mario Andretti (13), Marathon Runner Bill Rodgers (12), Dave Parker of the Pittsburgh Pirates (9), triple crown jockey Steve Cauthen (8), and tennis star Bjorn Borg (7) completed the top 10 finishers. Cauthen won the award last year.

Golfer Nancy Lopez was named the female athlete of the year Wednesday.

Meets Shriver

Austin breezes through in indoor tourney

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP) — Tracy Austin easily defeated Diaoe Desfor, 6-2, 2-2 Thursday night to set up a quarterfinal duel with the teenage star of women's tennis, Pam Shriver, in the \$125,000 Washington tournament, the first of 11 on the winter indoor tour.

The 16-year-old Austin, the 10, 2 seed, breezed past Desfor in 53 minutes breaking Desfor's service at love in game eight of the first set and at 4-40 in game six of the second.

Friday night, Austin, who



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leaped to international fame at Wimbledon in 1977, meets no. 7 seed Shriver, the 16-year-old 1978 U.S. Open finalist. The winner will play Jana Kloss

of South Africa in one of Saturday's semifinal matches.

Austin and Shriver have met nine times previously, with Austin sweeping the series.

Top-seeded Martina Navratilova, the defending champion, also moved into the quarterfinals Thursday night with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Ruta Gerulaitis, younger sister of male tennis star Vitas.

Navratilova meets American Ann Kiyomura, and no. 4 Dianne Fromholtz of Australia meets Pam Teeguarden of the United States in the an-

other quarterfinal.

American pair qualifies LONDON, (AP) — John McEnroe and Peter Fleming became the first pair Thursday to qualify for the semifinals of the World Doubles Tennis Championship at Olympia.

The young American stars defeated the scratch pair of American Sherwood Stewart and Romanian Ilie Nastase, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, and have won both of their matches so far in the round-robin first round of this \$200,000 World Championship event.

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Moscow, Lake Placid, L.A. Politics, money feuds cloud Olympic skies

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (AP)

— There was renewed bickering, political and financial, this week over arrangements for the Olympic Games events in Moscow, at Lake Placid and, further in the future, in Los Angeles.

In Munich, Hans Klein, press chief of the 1972 Munich Olympics, accused the Soviet Union Thursday of breaking Olympic rules by threatening to discriminate against West Berlin and Israeli athletes at the 1980 Moscow games.

"An appropriate Western reaction could easily reduce the Moscow Olympics to an internal Communist youth festival," Klein said in response to statements made by Soviet Sports minister Sergei Pavlov.

Pavlov, in an interview with West Germany's sports news agency SID, said West Berlin athletes at the 1980 games would be identified separately from the West German team in keeping with the Soviet view that West Berlin is not part of West Germany.

Pavlov also hinted that Soviet organizers may bar Israeli athletes from the games because of Israel's "intense" sports ties with South Africa.

South Africa is banned from the Olympic movement because of its apartheid policy.

In addition, Pavlov said Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty would not be permitted to cover the Moscow Games because they broadcast "information that spreads hatred against the Soviet Union and

other socialist countries."

At Lake Placid — organizers of the 1980 winter Olympics announced Thursday they had received an additional \$1.5 million from the U.S. federal government to help cover construction cost overruns. But there were renewed signs of internal strife in the Olympics operation.

And in Los Angeles, there is still no chairman or executive director for the 1984 Olympics and this may cause costly delays in finding federal funding, the "Los Angeles Times" reported Friday.

Ouster of Bedi called unfair



BEDI: No turban, no place NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (AP)

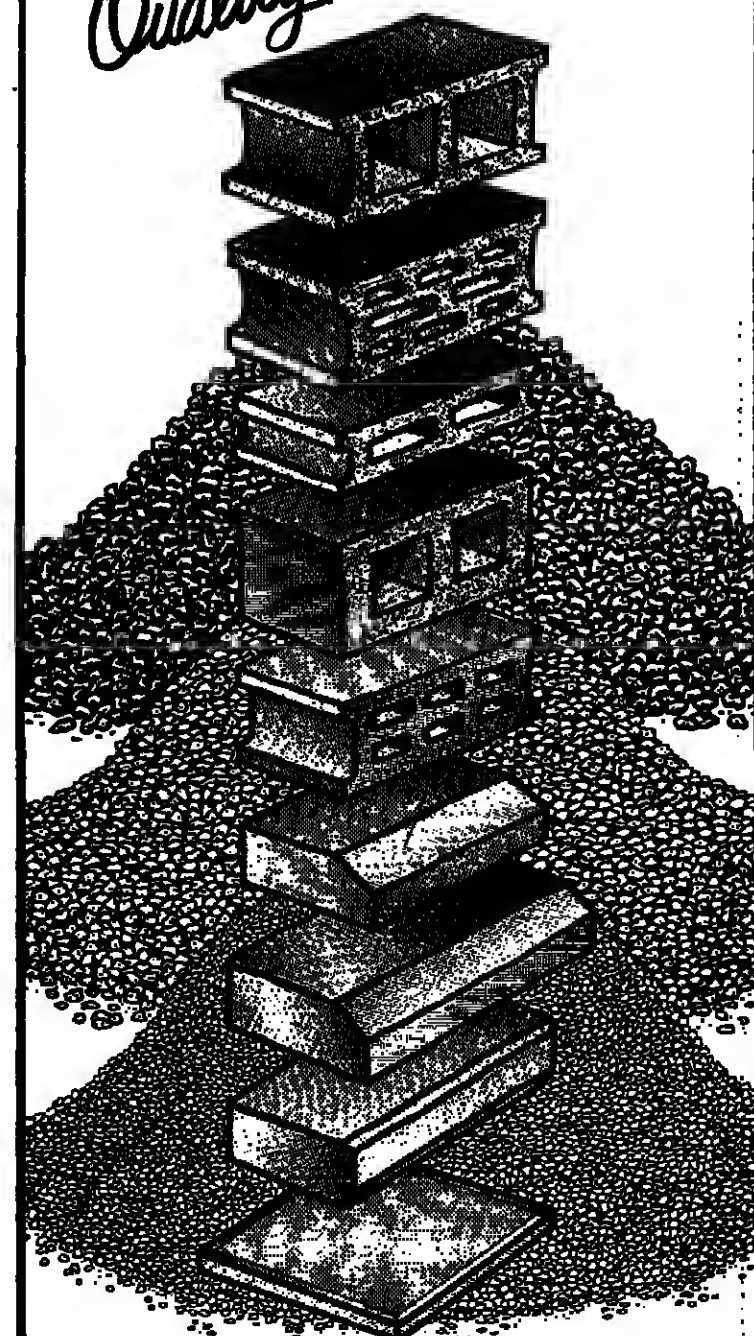
— Former president of the Indian Cricket Board of Control Ram Prakash Mehra Friday criticized the exclusion of former captain Bishen Singh Bedi from the side to play the West Indies on Jan. 12 as "unreasonable and unfair."

Bedi, 32, led India from 1975 until last month when selectors choose opening batsman Sunil Gavaskar to replace him.

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U.S. to develop \$1b China iron mine

PEKING, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — In the largest contract ever negotiated between the U.S. and China, the United States Steel Corp. has agreed to develop the world's biggest iron ore mining facility at a cost of over \$1 billion. U.S. Steel company sources said Friday.

The mine will be built in Chitashan in northern China and could eventually produce 50 million tons of crude ore a year, company sources said. The agreement was reached with the Chinese government by U.S. Steel President David Roderick, who arrived in Peking Jan. 1.

Roderick, who met Thursday with Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, left Friday for the United States. A team of U.S. Steel representatives has been in Peking for three months studying the project.

"The protocol contract has

been signed, and the other negotiations will be completed successfully," company sources said.

Another major industrial project was also announced Friday. According to the New China News Agency, China has started building its biggest hydro-electric plant on the Yangtze to harness the power of its biggest river.

The project consists of a 2½ kilometer dam and two

hydro-electric plants with a combined capacity of 2.7 million kilowatts. The power stations will supply 13,800 million kilowatt-hours of electricity a year, three times China's total power output in 1949, the agency said Thursday.

In addition, Teng said Friday that China may use foreign bank loans to finance such expensive imports of factories and technical expertise

from the United States and other capitalist nations.

"In the course of our drive for modernization, we are prepared to cooperate with the developed countries in science, technology and agriculture," Teng said.

"The means of cooperation may be quite varied," Teng said. "These could include bank loans, compensatory trade and other forms."

Possible huge reserves

USGS expert sees Chinese oil riches

HOUSTON, Tex. Jan. 5 (AP) — Communist China could be an important producer of crude oil, a U.S. Geological Survey researcher has said.

Edward C.T. Chao said that with accelerated use of foreign

technology, the Chinese may soon find out whether it has oil reserves worth tapping and refining. If so, production from huge basins might begin in five to 10 years, he said.

Chao discussed China's efforts

in earth sciences at a session on "China's Science: Its World Prospective" at the 145th national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The huge Tachang field, discovered in late 1959, is the largest oil source in China, producing about one-half the national output of 730 million barrels a year.

Chao said there have been estimates that total crude oil resources and reserves in China range from 100 billion barrels to 400 billion barrels. But he emphasized that the estimates are speculative.

In comparison, he said, reserves of offshore Alaska oil have been estimated at about nine billion barrels.



President Carter

If price right
Mexicans hoping for
big oil sales to U.S.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 5 (AP) — President Jose Lopez Portillo says President Carter will visit Mexico City next month to buy more oil and natural gas. Mexico will sell both, he said, "if we get together on the price."

"One of the obligated topics in the meeting with President Carter will be the possible sale of oil—the U.S. is one of our most important customers—and possible excess gas," Lopez Portillo said.

"If they are available and we get together on the price, and this I underline, we will sell it to them. The U.S. is a logical customer," Lopez Portillo said Thursday.

The U.S. Energy Department

ment refused permission to five southwest gas distributing companies to buy Mexican natural gas 18 months ago at \$2.60 per thousand cubic feet. The offer to buy up to two billion cubic feet daily expired in December, 1977.

Mexico's oil monopoly, Pemex, has since increased proven reserves of gas and oil to 40 billion barrels. The figure includes oil, natural gas, liquid gas and even vapor, oil specialists say.

Pemex burns off much of the gas as it drills for oil, but is laying a pipeline along the Gulf of Mexico to transport the excess as far north as Monterrey to use some of it to future industrial development.



President Lopez Portillo

Trade accords to be signed
soon, Carter tells Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP) — President Carter has told Congress that he intends to make a series of international trade agreements that will enhance American prosperity.

In letters to the Senate and the house of Representatives, he wrote Thursday that the 98 areas of the world working on the pacts are now within sight of accord. Although he did not refer to the European-American summit meeting in Guadalupe, for which he left earlier in the day, some of the issues delaying full agreement are expected to be dealt with there.

U.S. officials estimated that the agreements would affect 80 to 90 per cent of world trade now said to be worth about \$1.3 trillion a year.

The president had been studying the proposed agreements over the week-end at Camp David. He wrote he was confident that they would meet the objectives set by Congress in the Trade Act of

1974 that gave him the power to negotiate them.

"Neither Bob Strauss, my special trade representative," he said, "nor I will accept anything less on behalf of the United States."

Strauss issued a statement calling the proposed agreements the first major effort by

the world's trading nation to regulate the use of barriers to trade that are not tariffs. These are now considered more important, though a 30 to 35 per cent reduction in tariffs is also part of the deal.

Carter intends to sign the agreements — assuming that the last difficulties are overcome — on April 5.

U.S. farm panel denies
clandestine foreign sales

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP) — A U.S. Agriculture Department task force has told Congress that "there is little foundation" for allegations that many sales of farm commodities to big overseas buyers slip by without being reported.

But the task force also questions whether legislation is needed to beef up the reporting system by requiring foreign affiliates of U.S. companies to report big export sales. Such sales now are not covered.

The report was submitted to House and Senate Agriculture Committees this week. A copy was released Thursday.

The task force was assigned to study the effectiveness of reporting requirements enacted after secret Soviet grain purchases in 1972.

The Soviet Union bought huge quantities of U.S. grain in 1972—including wheat equal to one-fourth of the U.S. harvest that year—sending prices soaring.

Since then, the Department has required export companies to report within 24 hours sales of 100,000 metric tons or more. The sales are made public with the intention of informing farmers, consumers and others in the trade about the export flow.

S. Africa promised new oil supplies

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 5 (R) — South Africa has been offered crude oil from several sources to replace supplies from Iran, a government official said Friday. Commerce Secretary Tjaart Van Der Walt told reporters here: "It is of course, at a price. But whether and how this supply will materialize still remains to be seen."

Grumman accused of new payoffs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP) — Grumman Corporation was hit with the second government action in two days Thursday when the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) charged the company with making secret payoffs to sell its military planes to Iran. Grumman disclosed a variety of payoffs to foreign countries as it settled the civil action filed by the SEC in U.S. District Court.

Hotel tycoon Conrad Hilton dies

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5 (R) — Conrad Hilton, who began life as a bellhop and built an hotel empire spanning the globe, died in Los Angeles of pneumonia Wednesday night. Hilton, 91, worked until a few months ago and made frequent visits to his office although his second son, Barron, took over the running of the hotel corporation 13 years ago.

Pakistan to buy 8 Polish ships

KARACHI, Jan. 5 (AP) — Poland has agreed to sell Pakistan eight 15,000-ton cargo ships against a credit of \$90 million the minister for shipping and ports said Friday. They are to be delivered by 1982.

Talks urged on German steel strike

BONN, Jan. 5 (R) — West German trade union leaders have called on the steel industry to start fresh talks aimed at ending the five-week strike which has closed 10 major plants and made 100,000 workers idle. The union made its appeal Thursday after the breakdown of the latest attempt at political mediation.

U.S. car sales best since 1973

DETROIT, Jan. 5 (AP) — December U.S. auto sales tailed off toward the end but pushed the 1978 total to 9.3 million domestic cars, the best year since 1973 and third best ever, the industry has reported.

Poor boy finds \$17,250 gold nugget

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 5 (R) — A poor black boy working outside his family's shack in a remote village near Barberston, on the Swaziland border, unearthed a gold nugget worth about 15,000 (\$17,250) police said Friday. He found the nugget after his mother told him to dig foundations next to their small hut to build an extra room.

Singapore's rubber exports drop

SINGAPORE, Jan. 5 (AP) — Singapore's export and re-export of rubber in October declined to 92,435 tons from October 1977.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Wednesday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.30	3.32	3.33
Pound Sterling	6.64	6.75	6.70
Deutsche Mark	1.78	181.00	180.25
Swiss F	2.05	205.00	202.75
French F	0.79	79.50	78.85
Italian Lira (1000)	—	4.10	4.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	111.00	111.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	81.00	85.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.50	4.75
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.15
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.40	11.30
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.50	86.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.50	86.80
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.75	8.68
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	46.00	46.30
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.85	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	73.30
South Yemeni Dinar	—	—	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	79.00	86.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.25
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Gold kg	—	23,700	—
10 Tola bar	—	2,770	—
Silver kg bar	—	—	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.67	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.78	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.13	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.64	—	—
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

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* Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Temporary asphaltting in some rural areas under Al-Kharj municipality	90-98/99	1000	Feb. 19
* " " "	Temporary asphaltting of roads under Sulayil municipality	72-97/98	1500	Feb. 20
* " " "	Temporary asphaltting of some rural streets in Ohod	91-98/99	500	Feb. 24
* " " "	Fencing of a graveyard in Al-Masara	26-96/97	200	Feb. 25
* " " "	Fencing of two graveyards in Batat village in Qalwat	"	250	Feb. 6

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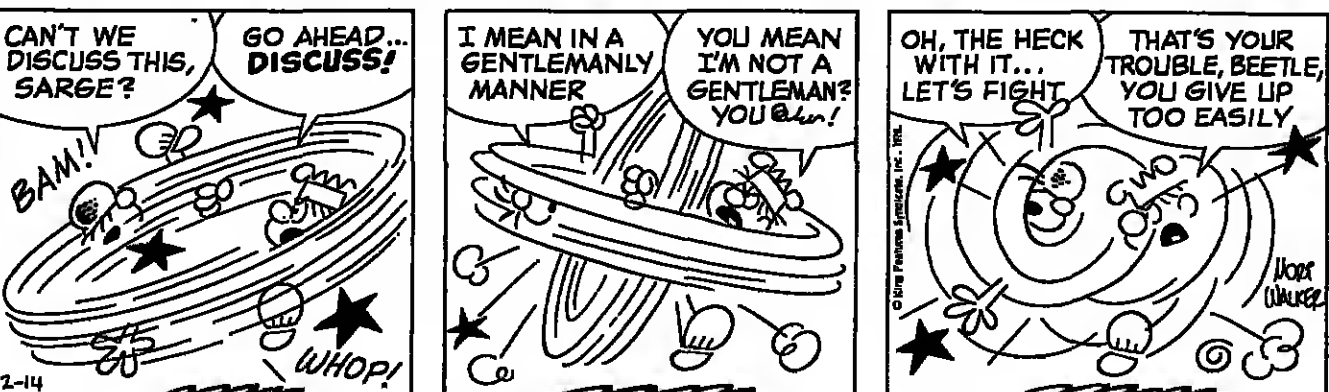
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Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Cattle feed
- 2 Leave in the lurch
- 3 Elephant's ear
- 4 One of the Perrys
- 5 Surrounded by
- 6 Noddy
- 7 Shame on you!
- 8 Fake
- 9 Just a taste
- 10 Untruth
- 11 Once — blue moon
- 12 Prior to
- 13 Banking service
- 14 Catch
- 15 Sun-lotion promise
- 16 Toboggan
- 17 Old saying
- 18 — no fee
- 19 Constance or Bruce
- 20 Fighter pilot
- 21 Gay Nineties, e.g.
- 22 Playing music
- 23 Dapoli
- 24 Bench sign
- 25 Cheater's dozen
- 26 Advantage

DOWN

- 1 Whole crew
- 2 Mythological monster
- 3 Jutting window
- 4 Place of press
- 5 Ties in the last
- 6 Funeral verse
- 7 Man's nickname
- 8 A getting out of
- 9 Part of an orb
- 10 Boring tool
- 11 Excited
- 12 Rudiment
- 13 Give life to
- 14 Musical composition
- 15 Ballroom dance
- 16 In the middle
- 17 Coin of Macao
- 18 Room to relax in

Yesterday's Answer

1. Musical composition
2. Ballroom dance
3. In the middle
4. Coin of Macao
5. Room to relax in

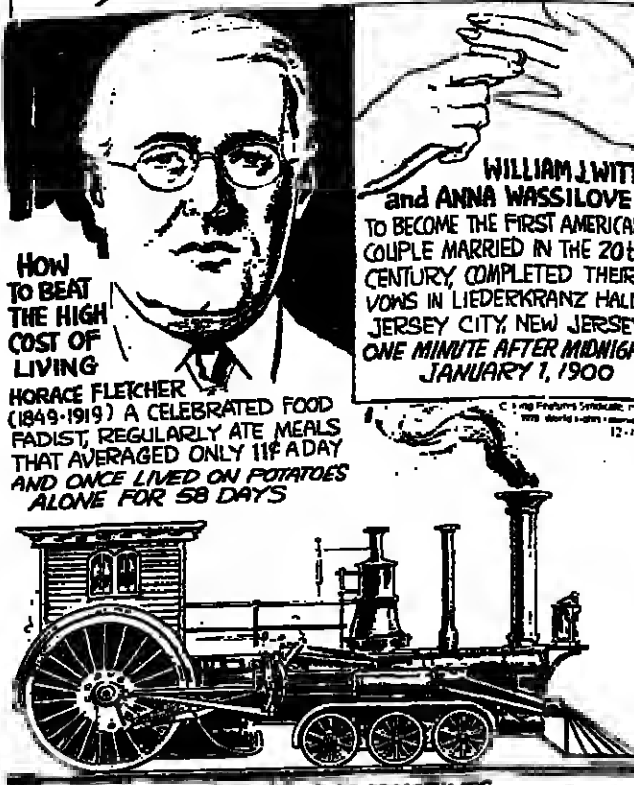
DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three I's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

NIHK GDE QUH ZQJDUWKC YDU
DVIVUM ZEV WV JH NWVI
VH MQXH OQZ QM YH WV NHUH
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Yesterday's Cryptquote: A CANNON CAN CAN ANYTHING THAT HE CAN, BUT A CANNON CAN'T CAN A CAN, CAN HE? — CAROLYN WELLS

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Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

The Imperfect Endplay

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 2
♥ K Q J
♦ K 10 4
♣ 8 7 5 3 2

EAST

♠ 9 7 6 4
♥ 7 6 3
♦ 7 5 3
♣ J 10

The bidding:

South West North East

1♣ 1♦ 2♥ Pass

3♥ 4♥ 5♥ 6♥

Opening lead — king of spades.

A declarer who is familiar with endplays and concentrates in every deal on reducing or eliminating the element of luck, does not always find the way he'd like them to be. For example, take this case where South is in four hearts and West leads the king of spades. Declarer sees at once that he may lose a spade and three clubs and go down one if the missing cards are divided unfavorably.

So, to try to overcome this possibility, declarer starts thinking in terms of how to contend with a poor lie of the cards. When he wins the king of spades with the ace and plays the K-Q of trumps, he hopes to find the trumps divided 2-2. (In that case, declarer would cash the A-K of diamonds and ruff a diamond in order to be able to execute a sure-fire elimination play by then putting West on lead with a spade.)

But the trumps turn out to be divided 3-1. Sad, perhaps, but this undesirable development does not force our determined declarer. He stops drawing trumps for the nonce and proceeds merrily along. He cashes the A-K of diamonds and ruffs a diamond, as originally planned, and then exits with a spade, also as originally planned.

West thus finds himself unhappy on lead and must hand South the contract. If he returns a spade or a diamond, declarer ruffs with dummy's jack of trumps, at the same time disposing of one of his club losers. And if West returns a club instead, he makes declarer's holding a trick and equally unhappily yields the contract.

The method of play declarer adopts is called a partial elimination play, but so far as the outcome of the deal is concerned it is just as effective as a total elimination play.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

SATURDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:40	7:05	12:32	3:38	5:56	7:26
Medina	5:47	7:11	12:34	3:35	5:51	7:21
Nejd	5:12	6:41	12:00	3:02	5:18	6:48

DHAHRAN TV

5:30 Children's Show	Electric Co. No. 398
6:12 Emergency	A Girl On The Balance Beam
7:10 Safety Film	Motorcycle Safety
7:11 Maude	Maude's New Friend
7:37 Alice	Star In The Store Room
8:03 Barnaby Jones	A Ransom In Diamonds
8:50 Lou Grant	Renewal No. 7717
9:38 Rockford Files	The Fourth Man

WEATHER

Thick clouds of low and intermediate height will cover the western and southwestern highlands and parts of the central, northern and eastern provinces leading to scattered showers accompanied occasionally by thunderstorms.

Easterly winds to the central and northeastern provinces leading to scattered showers accompanied occasionally by thunderstorms.

Sea conditions in territorial waters will be moderate.

Friday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in Celsius)

Mecca	30	22	Hail	13	08
Jeddah	29	22	Tabuk	15	03
Riyadh	27	13	Turaif	14	00
Dhahran	29	13	Rafha	17	09
Medina	27	14	Yanbu	28	13
Taif	24	10	Abha	19	08

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Afternoon Transmission	Evening Transmission
2:00 Opening	10:00 Opening
2:01 The Holy Quran	10:01 The Holy Quran
2:05 Gaps of Guidance	10:05 Message to the Faithful
2:10 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle	10:10 Light Music
2:15 Music	10:15 NEWS
2:20 On Islam	10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
2:25 Carefree	10:30 Sports Review
2:30 Music	11:00 Islamic Activities of Focus
2:35 NEWS	11:10 Press Review
2:40 Press Review	11:15 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again
2:45 Music	11:45 The Golden Age
2:50 Hits in Germany	12:00 Music
2:55 Close Down	12:15 Mood Music
	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	12:59 Close Down

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P.M.	News Summary
2:00 News Roundup	2:30 VOA Magazine
2:05 Reports: Actualities	2:35 American Science
2:10 Opinion: Analysis	2:40 Cultural: Letter
2:15 Delineate	2:45 Special English: News
2:20 News Summary	2:50 Music USA: (Jazz)
2:25 Special English: News: Feature, The Making of a Nation	
2:30 News Summary	
2:35 Music USA: (Standards)	
2:40 News Roundup	
2:45 Reports: Actualities	
2:50 Opinion: Analysis	

BBC

Morning Transmission	4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
6.00 World News	5.15 Report on Religion
6.09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	6.00 Radio Newsreel
6.30 Sarah Ward	6.15 Outlook
6.45 World Today	7.00 World News
7.00 Newswatch	7.09 Commentary
7.30 Opera Star	7.15 Sherlock Holmes
7.45 World News	7.45 World Today
8.00 World News	8.00 World News
8.09 Books and Writers	8.09 Books and Writers
8.30 Take One	8.30 Take One
8.45 Sports Round-up	8.45 Sports Round-up
9.00 World News	9.00 World News
9.09 News about Britain	9.09 News about Britain
9.15 Radio Newsreel	9.15 Radio Newsreel
9.30 Farming World	9.30 Farming World
10.00 Outlook News Summary	10.00 Outlook News Summary
10.39 Stock Market Report	10.39 Stock Market Report
10.43 Look Ahead	10.43 Look Ahead
10.45 Ulster in Focus	10.45 Ulster in Focus
11.00 World News	11.00 World News
11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
11.30 The Pleasure's Yours	11.30 The Pleasure's Yours
11.35 Talkabout	11.35 Talkabout
12.45 Nature	12.45 Nature
1.00 World News	1.00 World News
1.09 World Today	1.09 World Today
1.35 Financial News	1.35 Financial News
1.40 Reflections	1.40 Reflections
1.45 Sports Round-up	1.45 Sports Round-up
2.00 World News	2.00 World News
2.09 Commentary	2.09 Commentary
2.15 The Face of England	2.15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈

This is not the day to fight city hall, for others will resist any attempt to dominate on your part. Avoid extravagance in the p.m.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉

Unconsciously you may try to undermine a partner's efforts to express himself creatively. Don't offer advice unless asked, and be discreet.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊

Money-making ideas are sound, but avoid spending based on the expectation of future financial gain. In the p.m. by-pass dangerous entertainments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋

Before lending money to a friend, make sure you can afford it. A powder keg at home need not be set off by you. Sidestep controversy.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌

It may be time to forgive or to forget. Harboring resentments will only serve to undermine your health. You need a fresh point of view.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍

You may have a date with someone whose values differ from yours. Don't try to mold them to fit your ideal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎

This is not the time to introduce someone new to your circle of friends; the results could differ from what you anticipate. Avoid preaching to a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏

Don't be tempted to play verbal games with one already near the breaking point. Be discreet, as what you say today, could be twisted by tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐

Get all the particulars before accepting an invitation to a party. It may be your type of crowd. If traveling, avoid overeating.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑

There are greater considerations than yours in a career situation. What you do for yourself must be good for all concerned parties.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒

You may be in the mood to attack a close adviser which may be a sign that the advice is working.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓

It's possible that a friend will never pay you back. If so, accept the loss. Watch extravagance.

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Late News

Channel, Bay of Biscay, Mediterranean sinkings

Storms wreak havoc with European shipping

BRIXHAM, England, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — Rescuers Friday gave up hope of saving 15 missing crew members from a cargo ship which sank in raging seas in the Channel Thursday night.

The Coast Guard said a search by two helicopters, an aircraft and three warships was called off at dusk.

Only one survivor of the crew was plucked from raging icy seas shortly after the Greek-registered 2,200-ton *Cantonad* went down. He was identified as Dimitrios Petriphs, 19, and said to be recovering well from severe exposure.

Five bodies have been recovered.

The survivor, said the Coast Guard, "told us that nobody had a chance to get to a life-raft. It happened too quickly."

The *Cantonad*, owned by the Altamar Mundial Navigation company of Panama, was bound for Denmark from Lisbon with a cargo of salt when 20 meter waves overwhelmed it.

Further south off Lisbon, British and Dutch technicians went on sea and land Friday to try to salvage over 100,000 tons of Iranian crude oil leaking into the Atlantic from the crippled supertanker *Andros Patria*.

Officials said that a team of British Petroleum experts had come to oversee the pumping of the oozing crude from the damaged giant to one of their own tankers, the British *Promise*, which has been tugging the *Andros Patria*.

They said Dutch technicians boarded the Greek-registered ship with a huge gash in its hull late Thursday to attempt to start its generators.



SURVIVOR: Dimitrios Petriphs, the only survivor from the Greek cargo ship *Cantonad* which sank in high seas off the south-west coast of England Thursday night. Friday the search for other survivors was called off.

The crewless 215,000-ton vessel, towed by two Dutch tugboats and escorted by two warships, headed west into the ocean Thursday after the Portuguese government ordered it to leave the country's maritime economic zone.

Also Friday all 10 crew members were rescued after the 1,100-ton Cypriot gas tanker

Milli sank off Western France Friday. French maritime authorities said a Norwegian ship picked up the sailors, who had spent three hours in lifeboats and dinghies on stormy seas.

French naval aircraft directed the area after they spotted one of the crew members in the sea.

The *Milli* sank within half an hour of sending out a distress signal when sailing northwards off the town of Les Sables d'Olonne.

In the Mediterranean, Italian officials reported Friday that an Italian freighter with 13 crew members aboard sank during the night in a storm just outside the port of Salerno.

One crew member swept overboard was rescued but the other crew members are missing.

Officials said the 790-ton *Stabia Prima* was at anchor when a sudden storm swept the area, loosening the mooring and sending the freighter into the rocks, opening a gash in the hull.

"She sank in minutes," said an official involved in rescue efforts.

Vincenzo Scotti Fasano, 32, was on the bridge when the storm hit. He was swept off by a wave. He was plucked out of the water and taken to a hospital in shock.

Italian Navy and Coast Guard boats continued the search for any survivors.

To the south, Lloyds shipping agency reported in London that a crew of a Libyan ship, the 1,254-ton *Germa*, was missing

Friday after it sank near the Libyan port of Benghazi.

Six of the crew managed to reach the coast safely.

To the east, authorities in the Lebanese city of Tripoli reported Friday that the Greek freighter *Sophia L* had been hurled aground by rough seas, slamming into a rocky jet on the Mediterranean coast.

They said the four Greek and three Egyptian crewmen were rescued by Tripoli's fire brigade at dawn Thursday from the vessel that sustained considerable damage.

The ship was on its way to Limassol, Cyprus, after unloading a shipment of cars at Jounieh, 12 miles north of Beirut, when it was caught by storms Wednesday, a Tripoli Harbor official said.

The freighter struck the rocky coast at Anfe, 50 miles north of Beirut. The village inhabitants alerted the Coast Guard and the fire brigade in Tripoli.

He said efforts were underway to stop water from flooding through holes into the stricken ship, but he could not give further details about the vessel's tonnage or registration.



ENGLAND: Police rescue residents of York from floods that hit 200 houses recently in the first of the storms that have attacked all Europe over the past few days.

Europe at a standstill

Snowdrifts cut France in half

PARIS, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — Fresh heavy snowfalls cut off Paris from the south of France Friday and much of Europe was still in the grip of winter.

Three motorways and all roads between the capital and southern regions were blanketed under 20 centimeters of snow and closed to traffic.

Hundreds of villages and farms were isolated. Only 50 kilometers south of Paris, six meter snowdrifts were reported.

Elsewhere in Europe, authorities wrestled with the same problems of ice-over canals, snow-blocked roads and disrupted train schedules.

In West Germany, ice closed every canal and river in the north except for the canal linking the Baltic and the North Sea.

Heavy frosts relaxed in Moscow, but Muscovites braced themselves for an expected big freeze later this month.

which they feared could take temperatures down to minus 50 degrees.

But at the South Pole research bases reported Antarctica was enjoying a midsummer heatwave with temperatures of nearly 10 degrees centigrade.

Thursday, a widow of 84 was found embedded in ice and lifeless in her kitchen at Westcliff, a seaside resort 30 miles

east of London. Mrs. M. Smith had apparently died filling a kettle, and overflowing water covered as she lay on the floor.

A policeman was found dead in his car 12 hours after he apparently skidded off a road and plunged over a bankment while on his home.

Soviet spy ships sighted off Israel, 'Maariv' says

TEL AVIV, Jan. 5 (R) — The Israeli newspaper "Maariv" said Friday Soviet spy ships had been sailing off the coasts of Israel and southern Lebanon.

It said the vessels had been cruising within 35 kilometers of the coast and were equipped to intercept international local telephone and radio communications.

The Israeli Army declined to comment.

Food deliveries cut

British truck strike sparks panic-buying

LONDON, Jan. 5 (R) — A strike by British truckers entered its third day Friday with newspapers running short of paper, and a wave of food and gasoline panic-buying.

The strike, in support of a

pay claim, brought to a standstill the country's major ports at Southampton, Hull, Liverpool and Tilbury.

Newspapers carried apologies to readers for shortened versions, explaining that the strike was severely reducing deliveries of paper.

The strike had its worst effects in Scotland and the north of England but union officials said it was steadily spreading to the rest of the country, severe vegetable shortages caused by freezing weather and snowbound roads. Housewives have rushed to stockpile.

canned vegetables with prices for fresh produce rocketing.

Meanwhile, tanker drivers for the *Tenaco* Oil Co. rejected a pay offer from their management, Thursday and said they would strike. *Tenaco* has one tenth of the British petrol market.

The decision to strike at *Tenaco* may influence tanker drivers with other major oil companies when they vote early next week on pay offers, and motorists fearing a gasoline shortage have started lining up at pumps.

An official strike by tanker drivers in the Manchester area in northwestern England has forced Manchester City Council to suspend bus services for a period from Friday night.

Schools in the area have had to close because heating oil supplies have run out, leaving classrooms freezing during the

cold spell.

Tenaco employs about 700 tanker drivers and the British Road Haulage Association, which represents the truck drivers, has about 30,000 members. Both groups have already rejected offers of more than 15 per cent and are thought to be asking for a pay increase of 20 to 25 per cent.

New political crisis feared in Italy

ROME, Jan. 5 (R) — Italy's minority Christian Democratic government is entering another period of instability which could lead to a political crisis and an early general election, well-informed sources said Friday.

Many prominent Italians want to avoid a crisis, but cracks are nevertheless appearing in the fragile pact with the left which has kept Prime

Minister Giulio Andreotti in office since August, 1976.

Increasing dissatisfaction with the political set-up has been expressed by leaders of the Communist, Socialist and Social Democratic parties which, with the Republicans, support the government in parliament.

Emanuele Macaluso, a leading figure in the Communist Party, said the situation would soon be "unsustainable" if there were no change of direction in the government.

Claudio Signorile, the Socialist deputy leader, said a one-party minority government could not solve the nation's economic problems.

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Also significant, political sources said, was the absence of direct condemnation of Bakhtiar's efforts by Khomeini.

His silence might indicate that Khomeini was prepared at least to see whether the Shah left the country before passing judgement on Bakhtiar, one opposition politician said.

Khomeini has previously condemned all compromise

with the monarch.

Confirmation Thursday by military sources of the "leave of absence" and departure from Iran of the Shah's martial law administrator and hardline army leader, Gen. Gholamali Oveissi, also appeared to strengthen Bakhtiar's immediate chances of success.

The new premier will introduce his cabinet to the Majlis (lower house of parliament)

Sunday. A vote of confidence was expected in the house later in the week.

Bakhtiar was consulting his future ministers, whose names he has kept secret, at his house in north Tehran Friday.

Meanwhile, in Paris, a French Foreign Ministry spok-

esman announced Friday that Khomeini has received permission to prolong his stay in France.

"Ayatollah Khomeini, who entered France last Oct. 5, was like any Iranian citizen, entitled to stay three months without a visa. The Ayatollah

administration regards the signing of a treaty as necessary for domestic political reasons — specifically President Carter's campaign for reelection in 1980.

Sharabi and three other NAAA officials returned recently from a tour of the Middle East, where they met with various Arab leaders.

Sharabi said U.S. policymakers are divided over how to deal with the Palestinians. "Some officials favor a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization and some oppose it," he added.

Those officials opposed to formal contacts with the PLO still have the upper hand, Sharabi said.

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Sharabi said the NAAA would continue its struggle to change the administration's "negative attitude" toward the Palestinians and the Arab cause in general.

Sharabi returned to the Middle East Thursday, shortly after his interview with "Arab News".

Asked the purpose of his return visit, Sharabi said he was traveling to Kuwait for a meeting of the editorial board of the *Journal of Palestine Studies*, of which he is editor.

He denied reports he was carrying one or more messages from the Carter administration to Arab leaders, including PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

requested an extension of his stay and this has been officially granted," an official statement said.

Informed sources said the 78-year-old opposition leader had been told before he applied that his request would be granted.

The ministry did not say for how long Khomeini had been authorized to stay.

In a later development the International Energy Agency

(IEA), which has a crisis oil-sharing system ready if the Western world's supplies are threatened, Friday voiced concern at the drying up of Iran's oil exports due to the strike by oil workers.

IEA director UM Lapizke told journalists in Paris that the agency regarded the present oil supply situation as serious, but not as an emergency.

Lebanese

positions in the troubled southern region.

There were also weekend reports of clashes between Israeli gunboats and Palestinian commandos in the southern coastal area.

Thursday night, Wafa reported that commander leader Yasser Arafat presided over a meeting of his military leaders to discuss the situation in the tense southern sector and Israel's "recurrent aggression."

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